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Meetings for Field Service

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The Subscription Offer

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What introduction would be appropriate?
3. What material in January 1 "Watchtower" can be featured?

JANUARY 7-13
Informal Witnessing

1. Why is informal witnessing so important?
2. Where may informal witnessing be done?
3. What discretion should be exercised?

JANUARY 14-20
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1. Review January 22 "Awake!"
2. Demonstration of short presentation by a young publisher.
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1. What can help you in determining the householder's interest?
2. What subjects are of general interest in your territory and how can you develop them?

JANUARY 28–FEBRUARY 3
Assisting Each Other in Field Service

1. How can we assist young ones to share in field service?
2. How can elderly and handicapped ones be helped?
3. Whom can you help? How? When?

We Have What They Need!

1 For 100 years now, *The Watchtower* has been keeping watch in a spiritual way. It has been bringing its readers "comfort from the Scriptures" and reliable guidance that only God's Word, the Bible, can provide. (Rom. 15:4; Ps. 119:105) Most of us owe much of our own spiritual development and growth to *The Watchtower.* How grateful we are for the "food at the proper time" provided by the "faithful and discreet slave."—Matt. 24:45.

2 Some observers have said, however, that people in general are no longer readers, particularly when it comes to religious material. This brings to mind the questions: What about *The Watchtower?* Is it relevant to many of the public? Does it meet their needs? In what ways can it help them?

WHAT THE READERS SAY

3 There is no doubt that *The Watchtower* does not appeal to many worldly people. On the other hand, hundreds of thousands of sincere people the world over have expressed appreciation for its help. A university student in Japan said: "What particularly strengthens my faith are the clear explanations of Bible prophecies. I have been amazed by the stupendous depths of God's wisdom that I have perceived through these wonderful articles." A thankful young reader wrote: "When first introduced to *The Watchtower,* I was a disillusioned teen-ager. I felt insecure, had little communication with my parents, and was desperately in need of guidance. *The Watchtower* filled that need."

4 Besides expressing appreciation in general, many are the comments on the practical and timely material in each issue. For example, a reader in South Africa wrote: "I want to tell you how much I enjoy and benefit from the articles on the Psalms. I have always found the Psalms hard to understand and am really grateful for these articles. I feel the same way about the articles on the Sermon on the Mount." And note this interesting comment from a Jewish reader on the article "Something New About God's Name": "I grew up Jewish but never did I hear that name. You can't imagine how thrilled I was to read the irrefutable evi-

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Reaching All Who Will Hear

1 Another not at home! Does that sound familiar? A circuit overseer reported working a territory in New York State where 75 percent of the people were not at home. Perhaps your territory is similar.

2 How can these people be reached? Calling back will help, but often it is the same people who are not there. Something else is needed. Informal witnessing? Yes! The following experience shows its effectiveness.

3 A couple stopped in a supermarket. The sister started a conversation with the butcher, who quickly responded to her discussion on the new order. He wondered how such a thing could be. The sister's husband joined the conversation and suggested they continue the discussion at the person's home. He agreed, inviting them to stop by that very evening. They witnessed to the man and his wife on one subject, God's purpose for the earth. It made such an impression that the next day this couple went to the Kingdom Hall. Now baptized, they are informally witnessing to many of their relatives. Could informal witnessing aid you in reaching more people?

4 When witnessing informally to *those you do not know* the following suggestions may be helpful to you. Be friendly, warm and complimentary, and be sure your facial expressions reflect this friendliness. Pick a subject that is of interest to people in the community. You may offer some of the publications, or you may choose to share an appropriate scripture on the subject under consideration. If interest is aroused, you could suggest a further discussion at their home. If this does not interest them, wish them well and comment that it was nice to meet them.

5 During the winter months people are in a hurry to get out of the cold weather. Be alert. Use opportunities while indoors, waiting in lines at supermarkets, shopping plazas or other indoor areas. When warmer weather returns, people will be outside more, sitting in parks, window-shopping, working in their yards or just walking. Could you approach some of them? Take the initiative. Share the lifesaving message we have with as many as you can.

6 Witnessing informally to *those*

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 30

10 min: Song 69 and appropriate items from Announcements. Encourage congregation to read chapters 1-4 in *Choosing* book to prepare for this week's public talk.

13 min: Audience discussion of "We Have What They Need!" Highlight other articles in past year's magazines that were well liked in territory. Can display copies to refresh memory if desired.

20 min: Developing a Presentation for the Subscription Offer. Consider the following points with the audience and ask for suggestions: (1) Review Topic for Conversation, "God's Promise of Something New," and possible scriptures: 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:4, 5. (2) Ask audience what subject matter would tie in with above and is of concern to people in territory. (High cost of living, crime, some recent news items or local happenings, and so forth) (3) Review January 1 issue of *The Watchtower*. What articles or points tie in well with Topic for Conversation?

Chairman sums up key points of presentation and encourages all to prepare at home what they will say and to give full support to special weekend field service.

12 min: Enthusiastic talk on yeartext and its application, based on article "Speaking Jehovah's Word with Boldness" in December 15 issue of *The Watchtower*.

5 min: Song 93 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 6

Theme: Reaching All Who Will Hear.

10 min: Song 82. Welcome and local announcements, including accounts report. Remind congregation to read chapters 5 and 6 of *Choosing* book for the public talk. Also bring January 8 *Awake!* for next week's meeting. Also bring *Yearbook* to next week's meeting.

20 min: "Reaching All Who Will Hear." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Then have three demonstrations of informal witnessing. (1) Waiting in line at a check-out counter, (2) passing someone on the street, (3) a neighbor. As time permits, ask audience for further suggestions.

15 min: Those Who Benefited from Informal Witnessing. Two interviews: (1) One or two who came into contact with truth by means of informal witnessing. Have them relate their personal experience. (2) Individuals in congregation who do particularly well in informal witnessing. Have them relate how they do it and what type of people they approach. Why is it effective? Why do they enjoy this avenue of service?

10 min: Review key points learned in preceding two parts. Ask audience what points would be practical in the local community. Mention to audience that in last meeting of the month some may relate experiences they had in using these suggestions. Encourage all to engage in informal witnessing at all opportunities.

5 min: Song 79 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 13

10 min: Song 96 and local announcements. Remind congregation to read chapters 7 and 8 of *Choosing* book for this week's public talk.

20 min: "New Feature in *Awake!* Designed to Aid Us in the Field."

(10 min.) Talk covering article. Look for the various features mentioned in article, using January 8 issue.

(10 min.) Demonstrations: (1) A young publisher. After introductory remarks, say: "I have something here that I think you will be interested in." Then, take out magazine, open to page 3 and read to householder both the feature heading and the article title. At this point, the magazines can be offered. Chairman comments on simplicity of presentation, and encourages parents to help young ones prepare for it. (2) A more experienced publisher. Begin as above, but after reading the heading and title, pause briefly and say: "Notice what it says here," and read the first paragraph. Then ask the first question in bold type and invite the householder to comment. Summarize by reading the paragraph under the question and then offer the magazines. Chairman directs attention of audience to other questions in bold type. These can also be discussed if sufficient interest is shown. The quoted scriptures can be brought in, or cited ones can be read from the Bible.

20 min: Highlights of first 32 pages of *1980 Yearbook*. Elder draws attention to what appears on page 2. Then briefly develops aspects of hope covered on pages 3-7. Invites audience to comment on interesting and encouraging points they found on pages 8-32.

10 min: Remind congregation of field service arrangements. Song 102 and closing prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 20

10 min: Song 115 and local announcements. Encourage congregation to read chapters 9 to 11 of *Choosing* book for this week's public talk.

15 min: Consider local needs, or discuss the article "Wise Counsel Protects Against Crime" in October 22, 1979, *Awake!*, emphasizing the six scriptures highlighted.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Showing Personal Interest in Others (Part I)." Talk, to help audience appreciate that our objective in field service is not solely literature placements, but reaching people, understanding their problems and needs, and using the Bible to show what can be done to help and how the Kingdom provides the solution.

15 min: What Would You Say to This Householder? Chairman arranges for the following three realistic situations:

(1) Housewife wearing apron and with mop in hand comes to door.

(2) Man comes to door with newspaper in hand.

(3) A teen-ager comes to door.

With each scene, have publisher approach door and as soon as householder appears, stop the action and ask audience for suggestions on ways to handle the situation with householder. Then, the publisher demonstrates a prepared approach.

5 min: Song 20 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 27

10 min: Song 64 and local announcements. Read the Question Box.

15 min: "Are You the Only Member of Your Family in the Truth?" Question-and-answer discussion of article. Show what good such publishers are doing and how they are coping with their situation. Highlight how others can come to their aid and why their good example is appreciated. Suggest we all get to know who in congregation are in this category and see individually how we can offer help and encouragement to them.

8 min: What Are Your Children Learning? A father (and mother if desired) considers with two or three young children Story 69 in *My Book of Bible Stories* about the little Israelite girl in Syria. Highlight how she was serving Jehovah all alone in a foreign land, yet she was moved to witness boldly concerning Jehovah and his true prophet. Help children apply what is learned. How can this be related to their witnessing to schoolmates and teachers? How can this help them in their taking their stand regarding holiday celebrations and birthday parties in school, and so forth?

17 min: How Have Our Meetings Helped Us? Review of points learned at meetings. Include following points as time permits (using some prepared publishers): (1) What opportunities have you found suitable for informal witnessing and what experiences have you enjoyed? (2) How can we show personal interest in people we speak to in our territory? (3) Ask for any experience in using the new feature in *Awake!*, "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?" or other field experiences. (4) Efforts that have been made or could be made to help other members of the congregation. (5) Points learned from *Choosing* book and public talks based on the book.

10 min: Briefly review offer for February and encourage all to support special arrangement for field service this Sunday. Song 108 and prayer.

Reaching All *(Cont'd)*

you know such as neighbors, relatives, workmates, and so forth, often brings good results. Most likely, your good conduct has already been doing some witnessing. Since you already know something about what interests them, use this as your topic of conversation.

[7] A few reminders: Be considerate. It is often not wise to talk to a person if you are holding others up. Keep in mind that loyalty should be shown to your employer regarding time. It is usually best to establish one basic point that the person can remember and take home with him. Endeavor to have literature available. Practice your approach with members of your family.

[8] All of us have a love for people and want to help them. (2 Cor. 1:3, 4) Will you endeavor to reach more of them by engaging in informal witnessing? By all means do!

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Making Your Family Life Happy:*

January 6:	Pages 5 to 10
January 13:	Pages 11 to 18*
January 20:	Pages 18 to 25
January 27:	Pages 26 to 33*

* To subheading.

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Announcements

- The offer for January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with one of the following books as a free gift: *Great Teacher, Holy Spirit, World Government, Man's Salvation* or *Word of God.* The secretary and those handling literature and accounts should check the October 1979 issue of *Our Kingdom Service* on how to request credit for free books given with subscriptions. February and March: Any of the 50-cent books in congregation stock except *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth,* or *School Guidebook.* During the month of March some publishers and pioneers may wish to offer *From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained* on a contribution of 75c. A supply of this book may be ordered from Brooklyn. We suggest you order according to what you feel the congregation will be able to place during March. April: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three booklets given free to new subscribers.

- Once every three months the secretary should continue to supply study conductors with written lists of individuals needing attention in the book study groups as suggested at the elders' meeting in the last series of circuit assemblies. This information should be available to the service overseer when he visits the study groups.

- Prepare for Memorial and special talk: Please order Memorial invitations and special talk handbills now so that your congregation will receive them well in advance of the Memorial celebration on Monday, March 31, 1980, and special talk to be held on Sunday, April 6, 1980. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250, 500 and 1,000, using the special blue *Memorial Invitation Order Form.* The special talk handbill should be ordered on the yellow *Special Talk Handbill Order.* Two copies of each form will be sent to congregations with the December statement. The special talk will be on the subject: "Coping with Life's Anxieties." PLEASE DO NOT REMIT WITH YOUR ORDER. The invitations and handbills will be charged to your congregation's literature account. Payment for these should be included with the amount of money remitted for literature. Please *do not* list payment for invitations and handbills separately on the remittance form.

- New Publications Available:

  Commentary on the Letter of James
  —German, Italian

  Life Does Have a Purpose
  —Chinese, Thai

  Study Questions for the book Is This Life All There Is?
  —German, Portuguese

  Study Questions for the book Is the Bible Really the Word of God?
  —Portuguese

- At circuit assemblies having the new program, starting on February 3, 1930, district overseers will give the public talk "To Whom Does the Obedience of the People Belong?" Starting in February, circuit overseers will give a public talk with the theme "How Purposeful Is Your Life?"

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	**712**	**130.8**	**107.6**	**43.5**	**4.2**
Pios.	**15,770**	**86.8**	**70.6**	**33.1**	**3.3**
Aux. Pios.	**17,945**	**60.7**	**47.8**	**19.2**	**1.5**
Pubs.	**500,176**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**3.6**	**.4**
TOTAL	**534,603**				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,951

Are You the Only Member of Your Family in the Truth?

1 What a blessing it is when we find entire families serving Jehovah together! However, not all are in such a happy condition. Many of our brothers and sisters are the only ones in their family serving Jehovah. Certainly they are to be commended for the fine example of faithfulness and endurance they show.—2 Thess. 1:4.

PARENTS

2 In your congregation do you have sisters who have children but whose husbands are not in the truth, or are even opposed? One mother wrote: "I have to be the breadwinner—I have to shop, clean, cook, sew, and listen to my children's problems," in addition to getting the entire family to meetings and into the service. Yes, such fine examples truly deserve our commendation and our help.

3 What can be done to help? Some younger publishers have especially befriended the children in these divided homes in order to provide good companionship. Experienced publishers have assisted by conducting Bible studies with the children and by helping them get out in the service regularly. One family made themselves available to help a sister whose husband was not in the truth. Later, this family kindly included the sister's husband in some theocratic social activities. Eventually the husband agreed to a Bible study and became a dedicated, baptized publisher.

YOUNGER PUBLISHERS

4 Many of our teen-age or younger publishers are the only ones of their families in the truth. In spite of strict family tradition and intense pressure to pursue higher education, one young Oriental brother stood firm in his determination to pioneer. By his fine example, his younger sister also accepted the truth and both of them are now pioneering.

5 Young publishers whose parents are not in the truth often need help and guidance, both spiritual and physical. Many older ones have kindly helped by taking a personal interest in these younger ones, becoming spiritual fathers and mothers to them, as it were. Concerning one young Bible student, a family wrote: "She was encouraged to pray, to use Bible principles in her life and to be more respectful and patient with her parents." The family assisted her to attend an international convention and she is now progressing toward baptism.

ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED

6 Those who are elderly or handicapped are very much appreciated in the congregation even though they may be limited in their preaching activity. If you are one of these, we want to assure you that your determination and loyal service is faith strengthening to us. —Prov. 16:31.

7 Many older or handicapped persons have spent their youth and vigor in Jehovah's service, and now they may be alone. Certainly we do not want to overlook them now. Just spending a little time with them may be greatly appreciated. Too, it may be that we can help them with shopping and chores, or to get to meetings and out in field service. One family assisted an elderly widow whose only child died. While they provided comfort, they also gave personal help in handling legal matters.

8 If you are the only member of your household in the truth, be assured of our loving concern for your spiritual welfare. Working and associating with you results in mutual encouragement, and we thank Jehovah for the good work you are doing.—1 Thess. 1:2, 3.

What They Need! *(Cont'd)*

dence in this most recent article. I cannot wait to get my hands on more copies."

5 So, back to the questions: Is it relevant to many of the public? Does it meet their needs? The answer is a definite Yes! Indeed, in the pages of *The Watchtower* we have what they need, and we have every reason to be positive in recommending it to others.

6 This month, we will be offering the subscription, along with a free book, on a $2.50 contribution. (See Announcements for details.) Also, you will be pleased to know that the January issues of *The Watchtower* will feature scriptures set off by themselves, or set in a box, so that they can be used easily in the field. Among them will be 2 Peter 3:13 and Revelation 21:4, which point to "God's Promise of Something New." Endeavor to help as many as possible to see that they, too, need *The Watchtower.*

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Promise of Something New. —2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:4, 5.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Showing Personal Interest in Others (Part I)

1 When introducing ourselves at the door, we should always take the feelings of others into consideration. Without a doubt, people can sense whether we are interested in them as persons or if we just have some other objectives in mind, such as getting through our sermon or making literature placements. Obviously, to gain the householders' attention and interest, we need to show a sincere personal interest in them.

2 How do we do this? Basically it is by finding *their* interest and building on it. One way this can be done is by being observant. As we approach a house, what do we look for? Are there children's toys or bicycles? Is the yard well groomed, with no litter? Is there new paint on the house? Are there many locks on the door? Do you see something that possibly indicates their religion? Are there stickers or slogans on the door or the car that reveal something?

3 We may not always draw the right conclusion from these outward signs. However, what we observe may help to influence the initial direction that our conversation takes as we endeavor to establish a point of mutual interest. Remember, too, a little commendation often goes a long way with people. A kind word about their well-mannered children, or a comment on the fine way they care for their property may appeal to the householder and help you gain a hearing ear better than might any amount of "preaching."

4 Keep in mind that men, women and youths have different interests. For example, older men and women often find the economy their chief concern. Working people traditionally base their interest on their career and personal attainment. Mothers are generally interested in the home, children and babies, as well as the affairs that anguish the heart—death, illness, accidents, community tragedies, crime. Youths want to know why they are here, where they are going and what the future holds.

5 A traveling overseer observed: "Those who are effective in their work (in the field) are not always those who are simply using techniques of one kind or another. They are publishers who show a love for people, reflect friendliness and a desire to help and encourage. Their calls are not directed solely at placing literature but getting acquainted and being interested in the people they meet, their problems, daily life and families."

6 Can you show greater love for your neighbors by demonstrating a sincere personal interest in those you meet in the field?—Mark 12:30, 31.

New Feature in "Awake!" Designed to Aid Us in the Field

1 "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?" That is the heading of a new feature in *Awake!*, starting January 8. It takes the place of what formerly appeared as "The Bible's View," and, with few exceptions, it will appear on pages three and four of each magazine.

2 Why the change? It is done in order to reach persons who think they have little or no interest in religion or the Bible. In many parts of the world, anything that is labeled "Bible" tends to close the people's mind. Of course, the new feature will still direct attention to the Bible, though usually not at the beginning of the article. We do not want to insist that the person agree that he is interested in the Bible before he starts to consider the subject.

3 The articles will cover subjects that people at the doors will be willing to discuss and that can be developed Scripturally. They will always feature the heading mentioned along with an appropriate article title. For example: "Have You Ever Wondered . . . Will People Ever Stop Hurting One Another?" The articles will be written in a down-to-earth, conversational style; they will be set in a distinctive typeface. There will be certain questions, each set in a line by itself in bold type. Bible texts will be quoted. All of this will help to make these articles in the *Awake!* magazine an effective means of reaching more persons with the good news. We invite you to get acquainted with this new feature and begin to use it in the field service right away.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ A government decree, dated January 3, 1979, banned the work of Jehovah's Witnesses in Paraguay. This past October our brothers appealed the matter to the Supreme Court, but as yet no judicial decision has been handed down.

◆ Fine reports have been received from the worldwide field indicating that the 1980 service year got off to a good start. There were 15 countries that reported new, all-time publisher peaks during the month of September.

A GOOD REPORT!

It is a pleasure to see that Jehovah's blessing has been on our work in the United States during the 1979 service year. Every month, on the average, there were 521,370 publishers sharing in Jehovah's service, which represents an increase of about 1.5 percent. We had a peak of 533,781 publishers. And there was a 29-percent increase in auxiliary pioneers!

At the close of the service year, there were 7,464 congregations in operation, 19 more than last year. We saw increases in book and magazine placements. We spent more hours in the field service, made more return visits and conducted more home Bible studies. A total of 26,958 were baptized. A good report indeed! And, with you we join in praising Jehovah, who gives the increase. —1 Cor. 3:6, 7.

Question Box

● When a congregation judicial committee, after hearing charges and considering the evidence in the case, reaches the conclusion that the accused person should be disfellowshiped, how should they deal with him?

It will be appropriate for the committee to speak with him and let him know that their decision is that he should be disfellowshiped from the congregation. They should ask him if he intends to appeal. He may do this if he believes a serious error in judgment was committed. In the event that he wishes to appeal, announcement of the disfellowshiping decision would be held in abeyance. In that case the person should be told that he will be allowed one week's time to make his appeal in writing to the judicial committee giving his reasons. When such written appeal is received, the body of elders should arrange for an appeal committee to rehear the case within a week whenever possible. They may use local elders or elders from nearby congregations; these should be men who are experienced and qualified. If a traveling overseer can conveniently participate, or suggest who might serve on the appeal committee, it would be good. The elders may wish to telephone the branch office for counsel on forming an appeal committee. However, this usually is unnecessary.

On the other hand, if the accused person does not indicate that he wishes to appeal, the judicial committee will draw up an appropriate brief announcement to be read to the congregation. Additionally, they should explain to the accused person the need for repentance and what other steps he can take toward being reinstated in due time. This would be both helpful and kind, with the hope that he will change his ways, and with time qualify to return to Jehovah's organization. —2 Cor. 2:6, 7.

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FEBRUARY 4-10

Offer for February

1. Review briefly talking points from Topic for Conversation.
2. What introduction do you plan to use?
3. What are some talking points from the book you will use?

FEBRUARY 11-17

Taking a Personal Interest

1. What kind of questions can you ask to learn what the householder believes?
2. What is the benefit of listening to what the householder has to say?
3. Why can it be helpful to agree with the householder where possible?

FEBRUARY 18-24

Talking About God's Kingdom

1. How does talking about the Kingdom show we are separate from the world?
2. How can we use the two scriptures (2 Pet. 3:13; Isa. 65:17) on return visits?
3. How can we encourage others to talk about God's kingdom?

FEBRUARY 25–MARCH 2

Directing New Ones to Organization

1. Why is it important to direct new ones to the organization? (Heb. 10:24, 25)
2. What methods have you found effective? (qm pp. 215-218)
3. When can this be done?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Promise of Something New. —2 Pet. 3:13; Isa. 65:17.

Do Good to Those Related to You in the Faith

[1] Are you aware of the spiritual and physical needs of the brothers and sisters in your congregation? Have you considered how you might assist them? Are you in a position to do something to meet their needs? (Prov. 3:27) Or, do you usually leave such matters for others to care for?

[2] What a fine thing for qualified brothers to be aware of the needs of others and try to assist them before a certain trend or inclination gets them into spiritual difficulty. To a wise person, often a kindly reminder from the Scriptures is sufficient.

WHAT WE CAN DO

[3] Some brothers with spiritual qualifications have taken a fatherly interest in some of the younger persons at the Kingdom Hall, especially those who do not come from families united in the truth, thus helping them avoid some of the problems common to youth. This is much more satisfying than trying to help the person correct a problem after it has occurred.

[4] At Galatians 6:2 Paul writes: "Go on carrying the burdens of one another, and thus fulfill the law of the Christ." This reference to "the law of the Christ" has been linked to Jesus' words at John 13:34 and 35 which show that his disciples would love one another. And how encouraging it is to help lighten the burden of others in the congregation when it is possible.

[5] It would be good for each of us personally to take a few minutes to think of those we know in the congregation, perhaps in our book study group, that we might be able to help. Have we visited their homes, or invited them to visit us? One circuit overseer visited a sister who had not shared in the service for quite some time. He found that she wanted to do so but only

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Maintaining the Spirit of Helping One Another

[1] The Scriptures show that individuals have long enjoyed working together in God's service. When arranging for the 70 to go ahead of him into various cities, Jesus sent them out by twos. (Luke 10:1) When Paul set out on his missionary tour, he took Timothy along to assist him. (Acts 16:1-3) Solomon also saw the need for companionship when he said: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their hard work." (Eccl. 4:9) This does not mean that one should not work alone in sharing the good news. Rather, there are many benefits to working with a companion in the service and being of help to one another. How can we maintain this spirit in our congregations today?

YOU CAN SHARE

[2] Do you feel embarrassed or even ashamed to discuss with someone else how you might improve various aspects of your service? Do you feel that because you are a teacher of God's Word or because you have known the truth for some time that you could not benefit from working with someone else? Consider the example of Apollos. The Bible says that he was "an eloquent man . . . and he was well versed in the Scriptures." Yet Aquila and Priscilla "took him into their company and expounded the way of God more correctly to him." Apollos was not too embarrassed to accept additional truth from Aquila and Priscilla. He did not resist the help, feeling that he was already speaking "boldly in the synagogue" and did not need to know more. Rather, he accepted it and, in turn, went on to Achaia and "greatly helped those who had believed on account of God's undeserved kindness." While this account may not refer directly to the field service, it certainly demonstrates the kind of spirit we want to display in helping one another. —Acts 18:24-28.

[3] One may be quite capable at placing literature but have difficulty in making return visits. Another may do well on return visits but have difficulty on the initial call. The spirit of the Scriptures is: "In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness expressed in various ways." (1 Pet. 4:10) Those with differing gifts are encouraged to work together in field service and learn from each other.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 3

8 min: Song 58 and Announcements.

37 min: Question-and-answer coverage of insert material on 1980 "Divine Love" District Convention.

15 min: Our Field Service. Audience discussion. Mention 50-cent books of which the congregation has a good supply. Discuss Topic for Conversation and how the scriptures might be used. Consider how to introduce the books and interesting points that can be referred to in them. Field service announcements. Song 32 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 10

10 min: Song 85 and local announcements, including accounts report.

15 min: "Maintaining the Spirit of Helping One Another." Question-and-answer discussion. Ask for practical suggestions for application in local congregation. Comment on what has been done locally and plans for additional efforts.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Showing Personal Interest in Others (Part II)." Question-and-answer discussion. In discussing paragraph four, ask audience what other questions could be used effectively in the local territory. In paragraph five, demonstrate by having publisher ask question and then ignore the response, just going on with what was prepared. Stop action and ask audience how it could have been handled better. In paragraph six demonstrate how householder expresses a viewpoint often held in your territory. Then publisher begins reply with "But, . . ." and proceeds to show why householder is wrong. Stop action and ask how this approach could be improved.

17 min: "Do Good to Those Related to You in the Faith." Question-and-answer coverage. Comments from audience on what they can do to help. Song 25 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 17

8 min: Song 5 and local announcements, including field service arrangements for the congregation.

20 min: "The Women Telling the Good News." Question-and-answer discussion. Include interview of sisters who have been faithful in Jehovah's service for many years. Ask such questions as: What obstacles have you had to overcome and what do you do to keep spiritually strong? What qualities displayed by women in the Bible have you particularly admired or tried to imitate? What provisions in the congregation do you appreciate to assist you in telling the good news?

15 min: "Ruth and Naomi." Interview with several children on platform from Story 51 in *My Book of Bible Stories*. Brother handling interview may ask such questions as: What country was Ruth from? How did Naomi, an Israelite, help her? Why did Ruth decide to go to Israel with Naomi? What did Ruth say that showed her faith in God? Was Ruth a good worker? How do you know that she was? Who was Boaz? What did Boaz say to Ruth to show he appreciated her and the work she did? Did Ruth and Boaz later get married? Whose great-grandfather was Boaz? Do you know why being the great-grandmother of David was such a blessing from Jehovah for Ruth?

12 min: "Benefiting from the Circuit Assembly Program." Cover points in article and encourage everyone to attend all sessions of next circuit assembly.

5 min: Song 26 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 24

19 min: Song 73 and local announcements. Invite a group of young publishers to platform to discuss chapter 8 in *Youth* book, "What Kind of Friends Do You Want?" They should have previously read material and be familiar with it. Elder handling should keep discussion lively. Highlight important points from each subheading, drawing these points out from youths. Get comments from youths on why it is important to select friends who live by Bible principles. Some suggestions may also be given on how friendships in the truth might be developed. What if there are few the same age in local congregation? How can youths make friends with older ones in congregation? (1 Sam. 18:1) Jonathan was about 30 years David's senior.

18 min: "We Must Keep Separate from the World" as presented at "Living Hope" District Convention. Involve audience in reading some scriptures and commenting on the following points. Some scriptures may be assigned in advance for brief paraphrase or deleted to stay within time.

Keeping separate essential for friends of Jehovah. (Jas. 4:4) We need his friendship to strengthen and comfort us. (2 Cor. 1:3, 4) We need help from our Father, Jehovah, for forgiveness of sin.—1 John 2:1, 2.

Jesus set the example in separateness from the world. (John 17:14) He refused to accept political authority, advised against resorting to force or fighting. (John 18:36) Such separateness includes neutrality on political and social issues, not becoming meddlers in affairs of others.—1 Pet. 4:15.

Our separateness also means not following ways of world, but upholding purity in all our conduct. (1 Pet. 1:14, 15) A person who is envious or unloving, who engages in obscene talk or favors entertainment that features works of flesh may lose God's friendship. (Eph. 5:3-5; 1 John 4:20) Just as Jesus did not center his life on material things, neither should those who are separate from this system. (1 Tim. 6:8) Separateness also shown by Christian subjection to those having authority, whether one is employee, wife or child, at home or in school. —1 Pet. 2:17, 18; 3:1.

Separateness from world brings rich blessings. It results in a clean conscience. (1 Pet. 2:19, 20) Jehovah's friends are known as his witnesses and they enjoy prospect of everlasting life. —Acts 15:14; 2 Pet. 3:13.

8 min: "Prepare Now for Memorial!" Cover material in article and outline Memorial arrangements.

15 min: Talk on article "Walking in the Steps of the Master" in the January 15, 1980, issue of *The Watchtower*. Also, article on page 7 of *Our Kingdom Service*, "Can You Be An Auxiliary Pioneer in April?" Encourage all to support the special arrangements for field service the first weekend in March. Song 65 and prayer.

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needed assistance. Help was given and she was able to go in the service that week. You can imagine how pleased she was that someone was concerned about her and even arranged to share a meal with her later in the week.

EVEN A LITTLE HELPS

6 Whether we are able to do much or little is not important, but showing concern is what really counts. A card, a visit, an invitation, a phone call, perhaps sharing the day's text over the phone, helping with some needs, physical or spiritual—all of these can help.

7 Some sisters find it convenient to baby-sit, at times, for others who would like to go in the service. Many go out of their way to bring someone along for meetings or service. Others find it possible to visit those who are sick or in the hospital. And when this is done, have something encouraging to leave with them—an experience or a Scriptural thought, such as Psalm 55:22 or 41:3. Such thoughts can be very faith-strengthening. And all of us can pray for one another, especially if we are aware of a problem and do not personally see how we can assist.

8 The early Christians' example of hospitality is something that is good to imitate. It builds up our faith and strengthens the bond of love. Paul emphasizes this fine quality when he says: "So let us not give up in doing what is fine, for in due season we shall reap if we do not tire out. Really, then, as long as we have time favorable for it, let us work what is good toward all, but especially toward those related to us in the faith."—Gal. 6:9, 10.

Benefiting from the Circuit Assembly Program

1 How good Jehovah is to us in feeding us spiritual food as we need it! The circuit assembly program is one fine example of this. Have not all of us been more determined to fill our lives with righteous fruitage as a result of the Scriptural admonition and stirring experiences of our brothers that we heard at the last assembly? The program reminded us, too, of the great value that comes to us by submitting to the cultivator's discipline. Surely our lives have been enriched and we have gained greater spiritual strength.

2 Starting in February, the program will emphasize the need for us to walk 'as obedient children

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ATTEND THE "DIVINE LOVE" DISTRICT CONVENTION THIS SUMMER

[1] It is the normal desire of people who love one another to want to be together. This desire intensifies under conditions of stress when support and encouragement are especially needed. How natural it should be, then, for us as Jehovah's people to come together at every opportunity in these difficult times! (Heb. 10:23-25) How much more reason we should have to attend when the theme of the convention is "Divine Love"! When you receive the February 1, 1980, *Watchtower* (English) you will find listed therein over 100 occasions at 65 different locations where the "Divine Love" District Conventions will be held in the United States for the summer of 1980. It is our desire to see every lover of Jehovah in attendance, is it not? (1 John 5:3) In order for you to be better able to make your plans to attend as well as to assist others who may need help, we are providing the following information.—1 Cor. 14:40.

NEW ROOMING ARRANGEMENT

[2] Finding rooming accommodations for the thousands of individuals attending a district convention has always been a major undertaking. Faithful rooming workers have been willing to offer their services year after year in behalf of those attending. Many of us remember weeks of door-to-door canvassing for rooms in preparation for larger conventions in the past when many of our brothers were accommodated in this way. However, changing times and habits of those attending conventions have reduced the number staying in private homes in recent years to the point where most can be cared for by local Witnesses. Most now prefer to stay in hotels or motels. While convention rooming departments have been happy to assist by placing brothers in private homes or in hotels and motels, in some instances at reduced rates, a growing number of our brothers have chosen to make their own arrangements directly. This has been either out of a desire to be helpful or to have a greater selection. Those doing so, however, often paid the "rack" or highest rate while those obtaining rooms through the rooming department at times received a lower group rate.

[3] In order to assist everyone needing accommodations and simplify the overall rooming operation, the Society has decided to take a new approach to rooming this year for those attending the "Divine Love" District Conventions. Under the new arrangement it will be easier for you to make your own arrangements directly with the hotel/motel and yet enable everyone to share in the benefits, including lower rates, that often come from a single organization using a large number of rooms in a facility. In order for you to understand the arrangement so as to cooperate fully with it, the following information should be helpful.—Rom. 8:28.

[4] Already, qualified brothers have approached selected hotels and motels in the convention cities and have negotiated the best rates possible for those attending each convention. They have blocked off a number of rooms in several establishments of good quality to be assigned by the hotel/motel only to those identifying themselves as Jehovah's Witnesses or as delegates attending the Watchtower Convention. In most cases, by the end of January 1980, your congregation will have received a list of hotels and motels in the convention city that are cooperating closely with the Society's rooming arrangement. It will show the address of the facility, their agreed-upon rate to those attending the convention and the phone number to be used in making your reservations, along with other information.

[5] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation receives the list of hotels and motels from the convention organization, you should select the facility where you would prefer to stay. You should then phone the hotel or motel *immediately*, identifying yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses or a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention. Doing so will qualify you for the agreed-upon rate listed. One night's deposit (credit card, cashier's check or money order) will be required at all locations and should be sent

to them as soon as your reservations are confirmed. This deposit should be sent to the hotel or motel directly, well in advance of the cutoff date listed on the sheet(s) received from the rooming department. Motels and/or hotels are not obligated to hold the rooms without a deposit or extend the special rates beyond the cutoff date. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodation you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available to other delegates who may desire the accommodation. The convention rooming department will be monitoring the arrangement and will provide additional information through the congregation, such as which hotels/motels are filled after a month or two, as well as any additional ones it may find necessary to add to the list. Remember, therefore, that it will be your responsibility to contact the hotel/motel and make reservations based on the information provided on the list. If the hotel/motel you call first is filled, then it will be necessary for you to call the next one you have selected from the list, and so on.

6 **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions find it necessary to use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. In most cases, the congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first hotel/motel listing is sent. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow through in accord with the instructions set out on the list that will be sent to the congregation by the convention rooming department.

7 **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Most arrangements to care for those with special needs have customarily originated at the local congregation where such ones attend. Elders and others who are aware of their circumstances have lovingly extended help, which is commendable. This has often involved taking others with them in their own group—those in full-time service, the elderly, infirm or needy ones. Also they have cared for their needs in other ways, such as assisting them in making arrangements or even aiding them financially, if possible and where needed. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:18) We are confident that such loving concern will continue to be shown. (John 13:35) However, the convention rooming department will function to provide rooming accommodations for those with special needs who can neither be cared for by themselves nor by those in the congregation where they attend. Such ones may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request Form, discussing their situation with him at this time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should use this form. They should fill it out and return it to the convention coordinator to be checked for completeness, accuracy and verification of circumstances. Even though he forwards it to the convention rooming department, the individual(s) will be notified of their accommodations directly by the rooming department. Both private homes and hotel/motel accommodations will be used in caring for those with special needs, according to their circumstances. Please keep in mind that private home accommodations listed by the convention are usually set aside for those with limited funds who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not made available. They are not intended for those who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money, such as for a vacation, and so forth. Also, private home accommodations are for the convention period only. It would hardly seem proper to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting them to accommodate delegates for extra days so as to visit vacation spots in the area before or after the convention.

8 **DELEGATES ATTENDING OUT OF ASSIGNED AREA:** District conventions are arranged at many locations to reduce the travel required in order to attend. In nearly every case, the location recommended for you to attend is the one nearest your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the great majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, a few for various reasons may choose to attend a location other than the one recommended for their congregation. Such individuals may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for the address of the convention headquarters where they wish to attend. These addresses are listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request Form. Unless the persons have special needs, they should not use the Special Needs Room Request Form. Rather, they should write to the convention headquarters and request a copy of the hotel/motel listing for that location. (Be sure to include your return address when making this request.) Upon receipt of this listing of hotels/motels they should proceed just as if they were using the listing for their local area.

[9] **YOUR COOPERATION APPRECIATED:** The smoothness with which the new rooming arrangement functions will largely depend on the cooperation of everyone involved—the convention rooming department, the hotels and motels, the elders serving as convention coordinators and those being accommodated. It would be good to keep two things in mind in order to avoid a problem. If a large number of delegates attempt to make hotel/motel reservations on their own before receiving the listing of facilities that are cooperating with the convention rooming department, it could cause a breakdown in some negotiations. This could occur at locations used year after year where brothers, based on rumor or assumption, have been accustomed to making very early reservations. Also, it could result in difficulties if a large number of delegates choose not to use the hotels and motels listed, but for one reason or another, make their own arrangements with facilities that have not cooperated as fully with the convention rooming arrangement. We hope to make the listing broad enough so as to give the brothers a choice of good quality accommodations and yet give preference to the hotels/motels that give the best cooperation. Our aim with this new rooming arrangement is to see that our brothers and other delegates are accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible, according to their circumstances, so as to be refreshed and able to enjoy fully the fine spiritual benefits of the program.

SELECTING YOUR LOCATION

[10] As already stated, it is our hope that every lover of Jehovah will be in attendance at the "Divine Love" District Convention, if at all possible. In most cases, you will be attending at the location nearest to your congregation, or where two or more conventions are being held at the same location, on the dates recommended for your circuit or portion thereof. Please find listed on page 6, in date order, each convention city and the circuits, or portions thereof, recommended to attend each convention.

[11] Those circuits in the chart marked with an asterisk (*) may have some congregations located a little closer to another convention city, but it would be best, if possible, to attend at the location indicated so as to prevent unnecessary crowding.

[12] Where the chart indicates that a portion of a circuit attend at a particular location, such as ½ or ¼, and so forth, it simply means that those living in the part of the circuit closest to that convention would attend where indicated, but the rest of the circuit would attend another convention closest to them as shown elsewhere on the list.

[13] Your determination to be among those attending the "Divine Love" District Convention will bring rich dividends as Jehovah blesses your efforts. May your joy be made complete by planning to be present for every session from beginning to end, all four days.

TO THE BODY OF ELDERS

Upon receipt of this insert, it will be the responsibility of the convention coordinator to meet together with the presiding overseer before the next service meeting. They can determine from the circuit list shown which city and dates your congregation is to attend, based on the circuit or portion thereof that your congregation is in as of the end of February. (If the coordinator is caring for both positions, he should meet with another member of the congregation service committee.) Where a fraction of a circuit (½, ¼, and so forth) is involved, they should determine which location is the nearest to their congregation and plan on attending there. Then please announce at the next service meeting as well as the following *Watchtower* study the location and dates recommended by the Society for your congregation. It may be good to underline on the circuit list the recommended convention city and dates your congregation is to attend and post that portion of the insert on the information board for the benefit of the congregation.

In nearly every case, the elder serving as the convention coordinator will be conducting the service meeting part covering this insert as scheduled, as well as making other announcements and handling convention material on the meetings. This will serve to acquaint the congregation with their convention coordinator, as well as enable him to better coordinate convention matters. When covering the insert on the service meeting, it would be good to have a qualified brother read all the numbered paragraphs and arrange for others to read and apply the scriptures cited.

All the elders should be informed as to convention arrangements. They will want to cooperate fully, offering suggestions to assure the prompt, enthusiastic and effective handling of convention-related material. We appreciate very much your enthusiastic support of and kind attention to these matters.

1980 U.S. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

JUNE 12-15:
Biloxi, MS: Ala. 3; Fla. ½11; La. 3-A*; Miss. 1.
Cicero, IL: Ill. 1, ¼4, 5; Wis. 1.
Denver, CO: Colo. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; N.M. 2-B, ⅓3; Wyo. 1-B.
Greenville, SC: Ga. ⅓8; N.C. 4; S.C. ½2.
Jacksonville, FL: Fla. 3, ¼5, ½11, 12; Ga. ⅓7.
Pine Bluff, AR: Ark. 1, 2, ½4-A, 4-B; La. 2-B; Miss. 3-A*.
Pontiac, MI (Tentative): Ind. 7-B*; Mich. 1, 2, 5, ⅓6, 8, 10, 11*, 12; Ohio 5.
Tucson, AZ: Ariz. 1, 2, 3-B.
Wheeling, WV: Ohio 14; Pa. 8, 10.

JUNE 19-22:
Cicero, IL: Ill. 2, 11, 12; Ind. 1-B.
Des Moines, IA: Iowa 1, ½2-A, 2-B, 3, 4-B*; Mo. 3-A*, 3-B*.
Greenville, SC: Ga. 4*; N.C. 3*.
Macon, GA: Ga. 2, 6, ⅓8.
Memphis, TN: Ark. 3, ½4-A; Miss. 2-A, ½2-B; Mo. ½4-A; Tenn. ½2-A, 3.
Providence, RI: Mass. 1; N.H. 1-A; R.I. 1.
Richfield, OH: Ohio 1, ½2-A, 3, 8; Pa. 12-B.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. ½2 (St. Petersburg congregations), ⅔9.
South Bend, IN: Ind. 1-A, 2-A*, 2-C*, 5, ⅓6, 7-A; Mich. 4*.
Tucson, AZ: Ariz. 3-A, 4, 5.
Wheeling, WV: Pa. 7, 14; W. Va. 2-A, ¼3.
Wichita, KS: Kans. ½1-A, 1-B*, 1-C*, 2, 3, 4; Mo. 6*.

JUNE 26-29:
Baton Rouge, LA: La. ½1, 3-B, 4, 5; Miss. 4.
Cicero, IL (Greek also): Ill. 8, 9, 10, 13; Wis. 4-B.
Columbia, SC: Ga. ⅓8; N.C. ½1-B, 5, ½7; S.C. 1, ½2, ½3.
Dallas, TX: Okla. ½4-B; Tex. 12-A, 13, 15.
El Paso, TX: N.M. 1, 2-A*, ⅔3; Tex. 9.
Green Bay, WI: Wis. 2-B*, 3, ⅓5.
Houston, TX: Tex. 16-A, ½16-B, 17.
Huntington, WV: Ky. 3-B*; Ohio ½2-A, 2-B*, 15*, 16.
Inglewood, CA: Calif. 4, 6, 17, 32-A, ½32-B, 37, 38, 44.
Long Beach, CA: Calif. 2, 16, 24-B, 28-A, 30, 46-A.
Macon, GA: Ala. ½6; Ga. 1, 5, ⅓7.
Nashville, TN: Ala. 1-A; Ky. ½1, ½4-B; Tenn. ½2-A, 2-B, 4, 6.
Niagara Falls, NY: N.Y. 8, 13; Pa. 12-A.
Ogden, UT: Idaho 3; Nev. ¾2* (Las Vegas and Henderson congregations); Utah 1, 2.
Providence, RI: Mass. 2, 4, 5.
Richfield, OH: Ohio 10, 11, 12, 13.
Roanoke, VA: N.C. ½2, ½7; Va. 2, 4-A, 5; W. Va. ½1, ¼3.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. ½2, 7.
Utica, NY: N.Y. 22*, 24.

JULY 3-6:
Corvallis, OR: Calif. ¼43-B; Ore. 1, 4, ⅔5-A, 7.
Dallas, TX: Tex. 3-A, 5, 6, 14-A, ½14-B.
El Paso, TX (Spanish only): S-6, S-18, S-24, S-28-A.
Green Bay, WI: Mich. 7; Wis. 2-A*, 4-A.
Houston, TX: Tex. 2, ½3-B, ⅔11, 12-B.
Huntington, WV: Ohio 4*, 7; W. Va. ½1, ½3.
Inglewood, CA: Calif. 5, 7, 21, 24-A, 25, 31-A, 47.
Johnson City, TN: Ky. ½4-A; N.C. ½2; Tenn. 1, 5.
Oklahoma City, OK: Okla. 1, 2, 3*, 4-A, ½4-B; Tex. 10, ½14-B.
Philadelphia, PA: N.J. 3, 4-A, 6, 7-B, 7-C; Pa. 1, 2-A, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13.
Portland, ME: Me. 1, 2; N.H. 1-B; Vt. 1-A.
St. Louis, MO: Ill. ½6-B, 7; Mo. 1, 2, ½4-A, 4-B, ½5-A, 5-B, 7.
St. Paul, MN: Minn. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; N.D. 1-B; S.D. 1-A; Wis. ⅔5.
San Francisco, CA: Calif. 14, 19, 34, 41, 43-A.
Tuscaloosa, AL: Ala. 1-B, 2, 4, 5*, ½6; Miss. ½2-B, 3-B*.
Utica, NY: N.Y. 3-A*, 6, ⅔21.

JULY 10-13:
Billings, MT: Mont. 1-B*, 2, 3; N.D. 1-A; S.D. 1-B; Wyo. 1-A.
Chicago, IL (Spanish only): S-21-A.
Corvallis, OR: Ore. 2, 3, 5-B, 6.
East Rutherford, NJ (Tentative): N.J. 1, 2, 4-B, 5, 7-A, 8; Pa. 2-B.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 10, 18-A*; Nev. 1.
Hallandale, FL: Fla. 1, ½4, 6, 8.
Hampton, VA: N.C. 6*; Va. 1, 6-C.
Lake Charles, LA: La. ½1, 2-A*; Tex. 4, ½16-B.
Louisville, KY: Ind. 2-B, 3, 4, ⅔6; Ky. ½1, 2, 3-A, ½4-A, ½4-B; Ohio 6, 9.
New Haven, CT: Conn. 1-B, 2-A, 3; N.Y. 3-B.
San Francisco, CA: Calif. 15, 22, 40, 42, ¾43-B.
Savannah, GA: Ga. 3*, ⅓7; S.C. ½3.

JULY 17-20:
Chicago, IL (Spanish only): S-21-B, S-31; Mo. S-3-C.
Fremont, CA (Korean only): Western U.S. Korean congregations.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 9*, 11*, 39.
Grand Rapids, MI: Mich. 3, 9.
Hallandale, FL (Spanish only): S-12, S-16, S-26.
Hampton, VA: N.C. 1-A, ½1-B; Va. 3, 6-A, 6-B.
Lakeland, FL: Fla. ¾5, 13.
Landover, MD: D.C. 1; Md. 1, 4; Pa. 5*, 9*.
Lincoln, NB: Iowa ½2-A; Kans. ½1-A; Nebr. 1, 2, 3.
Long Beach, CA (Japanese also): Calif. 3, 31-B*, 31-C*, ½32-B, 33, 36, 45.
Pullman, WA: Idaho 1, 2; Mont. 1-A; Ore. ⅓5-A; Wash. ½3-A, 3-B, 4*.
Rochester, NY: N.Y. 7, 9, ⅓21.
San Antonio, TX: Tex. 1, ½3-B, 7, 8, ⅓11.
San Francisco, CA: Calif. 12, 13, 23, 26, 27.
Springfield, IL: Ill. 3, ¾4, 6-A, ½6-B; Iowa 4-A*; Mo. ½5-A.
Springfield, MA: Conn. 1-A*, 2-B, 2-C; Vt. 1-B.

JULY 23-26 (Note: Wednesday through Saturday):
Seattle, WA (Tentative): Wash. 1, 2, ½3-A, 5, 6, 7, 8.

JULY 24-27:
Detroit, MI (Spanish only): S-13.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 8*, 18-B*, 29.
Grand Rapids, MI: Mich. ⅔6, 13.
Lakeland, FL: Fla. ½4, ⅓9, 10.
Landover, MD (Korean also): Md. 2, 3, 5, 6; Va. 4-B; W. Va. 2-B.
Long Beach, CA (Spanish only): S-20, S-23, S-28-B, S-32-A.
San Diego, CA: Calif. 1, 20, 28-B, 35, 46-B; Nev. ¼2.
Springfield, MA: Mass. 3; N.Y. 16*.
Woodburn, OR (Spanish only): S-19.

JULY 31–AUGUST 3:
Elmont, NY (Spanish only): S-1, S-2, S-17, S-22, S-25, S-27, S-29, S-30.
Fresno, CA (Spanish only): S-5, S-11, S-15.
Natick, MA (Portuguese only): T-1.
San Antonio, TX (Spanish only): S-3, S-8, S-14.

AUGUST 7-10:
Elmont, NY: N.Y. 4, 5, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23-A.
Long Beach, CA (Spanish only): S-4, S-9, S-32-B, S-32-C.
Long Island City, NY (French only): N.Y. 20; Florida French.
San Antonio, TX (Spanish only): S-7, S-10, S-33.

AUGUST 14-17:
Elmont, NY (Italian also): N.Y. 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 19, 23-B, 23-C.

"The Women Telling the Good News"

1 The psalmist said: "The women telling the good news are a large army." (Ps. 68:11) In the days of Israel women joyfully proclaimed the good news of theocratic victories by song and dance. Today, within Jehovah's organization, we have a "large army" of women who are proclaiming the good news of the victorious kingdom by their preaching and their fine conduct as Christians.

2 What a joy to Jehovah's heart these exemplary Christian women must be. Like locusts they share in covering the field of preaching in response to Jesus' command. (Matt. 24:14) The sisters generally outnumber the brothers in many countries and have a major share in the preaching work. Because of their circumstances, more of them can share as regular, special and auxiliary pioneers. Of three pioneer sisters who worked with a congregation this past summer where assistance was needed, the body of elders wrote: "Their example and zeal reminded us of the scripture at Acts 5:42. In a short time our entire congregation seemed uplifted."

3 The preaching work is only a part of the service performed by you devoted sisters. As acknowledged at Proverbs 31:15, there are many other responsibilities you must care for. There is cleaning, cooking, shopping, getting children ready for school, as well as a variety of other tasks. You also seem to find time to visit, comfort and assist those in the congregation who are elderly or infirm. Such loving acts are deeply appreciated.

4 Not all of you married sisters have believing husbands. Like Lois and Eunice, the grandmother and mother of Timothy, you have an obligation to provide for the spiritual training of your family. (2 Tim. 1:5) Some of you have lost your husbands and must carry the full financial load, looking after yourselves as well as your children. Even with all of this it is good that you do not neglect your own spiritual condition or that of your children.

5 At meetings it is much appreciated when our well-prepared sisters share in commenting or take part in demonstrations. Their parts in the Theocratic School often reflect their fine womanly qualities, being presented with warmth, compassion and tenderness.

6 After the meetings the wives of elders and ministerial servants are often seen sitting quietly or talking encouragingly to others while their husbands dutifully care for theocratic business. These sisters show themselves willing to set aside their personal preferences for the moment, knowing that their husbands are caring for necessary congregational matters. Husbands appreciate the patience and self-sacrificing attitude of such wives.

7 The strong faith shown by such women as Sarah, Esther, Naomi and Ruth is matched today by the women who are telling the good news. Some of you have gone through great persecution from immediate family members, relatives and others. Yet, you still continue loyally in the service of our God, Jehovah. We commend you for your faithfulness and pray that Jehovah will richly bless you as you continue to tell the good news.

Announcements

● Literature offer for February and March: Any of the 50-cent books in congregation stock except *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life* or *Truth.* For April: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for $2.50, with three booklets of which the congregation has a good supply, given free to new subscribers. The following booklets may be ordered from Brooklyn and used during the campaign: *Is There a God Who Cares?, Divine Victory, God's Way Is Love* and *"The Word."* May: *Bible Stories* book for contribution of $2.00.

● The *1975 Yearbook* contains the history of the origin of the work of Jehovah's Witnesses. The Society has a supply of this publication in English and Spanish. It may be that some who are newly interested would like to have this information on the development of the work from its early years to modern times. The price is 50 cents.

● The special talk may be given the following week if a circuit overseer's visit or circuit assembly is scheduled for April 6.

● New Publications Available:
Choosing the Best Way of Life —German, Italian
Holy Spirit—The Force Behind the Coming New Order! —Croatian
Making Your Family Life Happy —Swahili, Swedish
Watch Tower Publications Index for 1977, 1978 —Portuguese

● Available Again in U.S.A.:
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Amharic, Persian

● The April 1 and 15 issues of *The Watchtower*, and also the April 8 and 22 issues of *Awake!* will have articles specially suitable for placing with the public and for obtaining subscriptions. Be sure to place your order early for extra copies, including those that will be needed by auxiliary pioneers.

● Any congregations who do not have a Federal Identification Number for their bank accounts should obtain one from the Internal Revenue Service. See the Society's letter of April 12, 1978.

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Can You Be an Auxiliary Pioneer in April?

1 Have you had the privilege of serving as an auxiliary pioneer? Many blessings have come to those who have. One sister expressed it this way: "I am indeed thankful for the rich blessings, spiritual strength and beautiful experiences I have had while auxiliary pioneering." Another said: "So many wonderful things have happened since I started auxiliary pioneering. I now have two very good Bible studies!" Perhaps you have experienced similar happiness.

2 Just imagine to what a great extent the good news was preached, how much honor went to Jehovah and what encouragement it was to all the brothers when 51,008 auxiliary pioneered in this country last April. Many are looking ahead to warmer weather when they will again be arranging their schedules to auxiliary pioneer. Can you join them? Why not start making plans now to enroll!

3 What are the requirements for enrollment? You must be baptized, have a reputation for good Christian conduct and have made plans to devote at least 60 hours in the field service for the month.

4 Those of you who can make room for this special privilege of service truly have many blessings in store for you as you apply yourselves to serve Jehovah and your fellowman in a whole-souled way! —Mark 12:30.

Circuit Assembly Program (*Cont'd*)

and become holy in all our conduct.' (1 Pet. 1:14-16) It will show the benefits we receive from supporting the congregation book study arrangement, the blessings that come to families that obediently serve Jehovah and keep his commands, as well as the importance of developing a willingness to obey. We can learn much from the example Jesus set in being obedient and the disposition he showed.

3 Start thinking about the assembly now and plan to attend. Think, too, of others in the congregation or interested persons who may need encouragement to attend. We are confident you will benefit greatly from the spiritual meal that awaits you.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	662	127.6	91.5	44.9	4.4
Pios.	15,522	83.8	63.5	32.0	3.4
Aux. Pios.	13,338	60.1	43.9	20.1	1.7
Pubs.	507,830	8.3	8.5	3.6	.4
TOTAL	537,352				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,132

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Showing Personal Interest in Others (Part II)

1 A couple was reminiscing about the brother who studied the Bible with them. The brother was only schooled through the fifth grade and the man being studied with was highly educated. The couple said: "We were so impressed by his humble yet sincere and loving attitude, his interest in us, that we agreed to study with him." Why was this brother, though having little education, able to help a highly educated person and his wife learn the truth? It was because he projected a sincere personal interest in them.

2 Some have said: "I am not experienced in speaking with people at the door and find it difficult." You may feel that way, too. However, sincere interest in others may help you reach them.

3 When you meet objections or questions that you have difficulty in answering, what do you do? Because of your sincere interest in helping the people you have spoken to, you may do some reading on the subject later and make note of supporting scriptures or you may check the scriptures listed in *Bible Topics for Discussion* under that subject. Yes, there are many ways we can show personal interest in others.

4 By asking questions rather than doing all the talking, you show you are interested in what the householder thinks. There are questions that call for opinions (Do you believe God will become involved in man's affairs?), leading questions (What do you think is the greatest problem facing families today?), and even hypothetical questions (If you had the power, what would you do to change conditions in the world?). All of these can be used effectively to better understand how one is thinking.

5 Asking questions would serve little purpose, however, if we did not stop and listen to the answers. Pay attention to what is said; put yourself in the other person's place; try to understand his viewpoint. This shows that you have empathy, are interested in his welfare and want to help. Since the mind thinks much faster than a person can talk, as the person speaks there is time to analyze what is said, draw conclusions and determine how you will respond.

6 When the time comes for you to respond, look for opportunities to agree with the householder. Avoid using expressions that indicate that what he has just said is not of much value in your eyes. Rather, respond in a way that shows you appreciated getting the householder's viewpoint. At the same time help him to see the value of the Kingdom message and the need to learn more about it.

7 Where interest is found, think about the person after leaving the door. Make proper notation on the house-to-house record of the person's name and the subject that was discussed. Prepare and look ahead to making a return visit, thus showing that you care about the person and his eternal welfare. (Mark 6:34) It is good to follow through on these things, asking Jehovah for his blessing upon your efforts.—1 John 3:22.

8 Jehovah and Jesus show a personal interest in us by listening to our prayers, forgiving our sins, providing for our spiritual needs and examining our hearts. We, too, want to take interest in others as we present the good news.

Maintaining the Spirit *(Cont'd)*

THROUGH THE BOOK STUDY

4 In the July through November issues of *Our Kingdom Service*, there were many fine suggestions on how we can work with one another and receive mutual benefit. (It would be good for book study conductors to review these so as to implement them through the book study arrangement.) If you would like to improve in your public preaching, why not take advantage of this fine provision. All you need to do is approach your book study conductor or the service overseer in your congregation and make known your desire. Or, if you wish, approach a publisher who does well in the area you wish to improve in, and make arrangements to work together.

5 We are not all equal in experience and ability, so take advantage of those in the congregation who are "gifted" in an area of the preaching work in which you would like to improve. (1 Cor. 12:29, 30) Many are the joys that can be gained through such assistance, love and fine works.—Heb. 10:24.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Making Your Family Life Happy:*

February 3: Pages 33 to 39
February 10: Pages 40 to 47*
February 17: Pages 47 to 53
February 24: Pages 54 to 62*

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* To subheading.

Prepare Now for Memorial!

1 Wasn't it wonderful to have 1,335,268 in this country in attendance at the Memorial celebration last year! Surely those who were there for the first time came to appreciate even more deeply the significance of the occasion and the value of Christ's ransom. On Monday, March 31, we will again be observing the Lord's Evening Meal.

2 Each publisher in the congregation should begin thinking now about those whom he will want to invite to the Memorial celebration. These would include not only persons having home Bible studies, but also other interested persons who still have a respect for God's Word, even though Bible studies with them were discontinued.

3 There were about 806,000 more in attendance at the last Memorial celebration than reported as publishers for that month. So, we will be expecting many visitors to join us again this year. There is also much we can do to follow through in helping Memorial attenders to come to other meetings at the Kingdom Hall. For example, the special public talk will be held on Sunday, April 6. The title of the public talk is a timely one, "Coping with Life's Anxieties." Publishers can do much to build up interest for this subject by pointing out how the talk will provide Bible answers not only to the causes for life's anxieties, but how to effectively cope with them.

4 Elders and ministerial servants will be interested in meeting many of the individuals that publishers invite to the Memorial. In the March issue of *Our Kingdom Service* further information will be provided as to steps that can be taken to help these people.

5 Begin thinking about those you are now calling on in the field service—any who used to study or who showed interest in the past, as well as friends, neighbors and relatives. Have in mind persons you will want to invite to the Memorial and also help thereafter.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

● *The Watchtower* is now published in 106 languages. However, restrictions in a number of countries limit distribution of some editions to the local brothers only. Please order only those languages listed in *The Watchtower,* and for which you may have a need.

● On Saturday, April 12, the Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours on that day.

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 3-9
Using Literature in Service

1. Why offer literature to householders?
2. Which books available in our congregation are likely to appeal to people in our territory?
3. What are some talking points from these books that tie in with Topic for Conversation?

MARCH 10-16
Indifference

1. What causes indifference?
2. How might we stimulate interest in life, both present and future?
3. How might we tie in our Topic for Conversation with this problem?

MARCH 17-23
Viewpoints of Youth

1. What viewpoints are prevalent among youth today?
2. How might God's promise of something new affect a young person's viewpoint on life?
3. How can we present this to them?

MARCH 24-30
Memorial

1. Why do we want to invite people to the Memorial?
2. Whom might we invite?
3. What will you say when inviting others to the Memorial?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION
God's Promise of Something New.
—2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1, 4.

What Are You Doing in Remembrance of Him?

1 What a grand privilege it will be for us, on March 31, 1980, to be present for the 1,947th anniversary of the Lord's Evening Meal! On that first memorable occasion, you will recall, Jesus told his disciples: "Keep doing this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) Their close relationship with Jesus, no doubt, heightened their appreciation of the significance of his sacrificial death. The apostle Peter, reflecting back over the earthly life and ministry of Jesus, wrote to fellow Christians: "To this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely."—1 Pet. 2:21.

AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE

2 At the early age of 12, Jesus demonstrated a keen appreciation for spiritual things. When separated from his parents for three days after the Passover celebration, he was found in the house of his Father, "sitting in the midst of the teachers and listening to them and questioning them." Yes, Jesus "went on progressing in wisdom and in physical growth and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:39-52) If you are a young person, are you doing that too?

3 Jesus was a man of action. Zeal for the house of his Father was in evidence when he single-handedly drove out those who were making Jehovah's temple a house of merchandise. (John 2:14-17) Jesus was never afraid to speak the truth with boldness. (John 3:1-12) He taught masterfully as was indicated by the reaction of those who were present for his Sermon on the Mount. Matthew tells us that "the effect was that the crowds were astounded at his way of teaching; for he was teaching them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes." (Matt. 7:28, 29) Are you zealous and bold in speaking about Jehovah's name and kingdom?

WHAT WE CAN DO

4 Jesus saw the wisdom of reaching people through varied methods of preaching. After gaining the victory over death, before his ascension to heaven, he left instructions for his disciples to carry on the work that he himself started. (Consider Matthew 28:19, 20.) Could you have an increased share in this work this month? Could you share in the auxiliary pioneer work? Consider evening witnessing as well. Such increased field activity will afford us the opportunity to invite our Bible students as well as all

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Prepare for a Fitting Observance

1 This year the Memorial (Nisan 14) will be celebrated after sundown on Monday, March 31, 1980. How can we as followers of Christ prepare for a fitting observance of this important occasion? One fine way is to reflect on the earthly life of Jesus, mankind's loving, priceless Redeemer. (Matt. 20:28) To aid in this, we recommend that all of Jehovah's people, individually or as family groups, read and review the article "He 'Loved Them to the End' " in the March 1, 1980, issue of *The Watchtower*.

2 Last year a schedule was published for family Bible reading before the Memorial. It covered each of the six days of Jesus' activity prior to his death as recorded in the book of Mark. Many families of Jehovah's people, whole congregations and Bethel families appreciated sharing in these Bible readings.

3 We are here providing a suggested schedule for Bible reading this year. It is taken from Matthew, Luke and John. While last year's readings were listed for the day prior to the date of the Biblical happenings, you will notice that this year's readings are scheduled for the same day that the events actually occurred, beginning after sundown of the current calendar days.

Wednesday, March 26 Nisan 9
Matthew 21:1-17

Thursday, March 27 Nisan 10
John 12:20-50

Friday, March 28 Nisan 11
Matthew 21:23-46

Saturday, March 29 Nisan 12
Matthew 26:1-16

Sunday, March 30 Nisan 13
Matthew 26:17-19
Luke 22:7-13

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 2

15 min: Song 46, appropriate items from Announcements, local announcements, Theocratic News and Question Box.

20 min: "What Are You Doing in Remembrance of Him?" covered by questions and answers. Make announcements of Memorial arrangements. Outline special field service for month, including evening witnessing. Encourage auxiliary pioneer work. Demonstrate how we might prepare a Bible student for the Memorial, explaining who partakes and why we attend (not more than 5 minutes).

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Making Good Use of Literature." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Demonstrate: (1) brief presentation to busy householder as suggested in paragraph 3; (2) presentation in paragraph 5. Let audience comment on points from demonstrations and the article that benefited them.

10 min: Review highlights from this meeting and encourage all to apply practical points. Service arrangements for the week. Song 107 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 9

10 min: Song 55, local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Prepare for a Fitting Observance." Family discussion of article. Father takes lead, drawing out comments from family members as time allows. Also reviews highlights of article on Memorial contained in the March 1, 1980 issue of *The Watchtower*. Concludes by encouraging each member of the family to be enthusiastic in inviting and helping as many as possible to be in attendance with them at the Memorial. Keep discussion fast-moving and positive.

25 min: Elders should develop this part locally, considering needs of congregation. It may be beneficial to include points that circuit overseer brought to attention of congregation on his last visit. A talk can be given based on *Watchtower* article "How Genuine Is Your Love?" from September 1, 1979, *Watchtower*, pages 3, 4. Include interviews of two or three publishers of various ages who have enjoyed auxiliary pioneer work in the past.

10 min: Review suggestions from this meeting and encourage all to apply direction given. Outline field service arrangements for week. Song 70 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 16

THEME: Rejoice in Your Youth. —Eccl. 11:9.

5 min: Song 91 and local announcements.

15 min: Interview group of children using material from *Bible Stories* book, Stories 87 and 94. Highlight role of children in true worship. Have young ones on platform and review material as time allows. Brother handling part should rehearse with participants.

20 min: "We Appreciate Our Youths." Assign to qualified elder who is family man, if possible. By use of well-chosen questions, discuss information with audience. Make local application. Include specific points from November, 1979, *Our Kingdom Service* on subject "Youths—Are You Involved?" Youths should participate as fully as possible in congregation activities. Must demonstrate patience. Youths in congregation today are the pioneers, servants and parents of tomorrow. Parents and others in congregation should assist youths and view them as vital part of congregation. Include brief demonstration of current offer, using qualified teen-age publishers.

10 min: "What Do You Want out of Life?" Talk by local elder, from *Youth* book, chapter 23. Help youths appreciate urgency of times and the need to progressively shoulder responsibility. Must develop a close relationship with Jehovah and face future with confidence. Encourage auxiliary pioneer work during spring vacations.

10 min: Review specific suggestions from meeting and encourage congregation to apply what was considered. Highlight field service arrangements and remind all of coming Memorial. Song 92 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 23

15 min: Song 106. Local announcements apart from Memorial. Use the rest of the time in harmony with what is needed locally, or call on publishers for experiences they have had in engaging others in discussing the Topic for Conversation "God's Promise of Something New."

15 min: Interview group of children on *Bible Stories* book, Stories 98-101 covering Lord's Evening Meal and events that followed. (98) What were Jesus' apostles asking Jesus about? (99) Why did Judas leave the room after Jesus celebrated the Passover? Why should we not want to be like Judas? What new celebration did Jesus start? (100) That night, what did the apostles do when Jesus was praying? What should we do when we are faced with problems? What did Judas do and why? (101) What did the enemies do to Jesus? What did Peter do? Why do we not want to be like Peter was then? What was finally done with Jesus? What did Jesus talk about with the criminal hanging alongside him? What can that mean for us?

15 min: "He 'Loved Them to the End.'" Talk based on March 1, 1980, *Watchtower* article on pages 8-12, highlighting points under heading "Self-examination." Include any Memorial announcements.

15 min: Memorial Review. Audience participation. What suggestions have we discussed on service meetings to help us prepare for the Memorial? Do you have in mind turning in lists of those invited and who do attend? (Lists should be given to your book study conductors.) What have you youngsters learned from the *Bible Stories* book about the Memorial? Why is it beneficial to read the suggested Bible accounts in preparation for the Memorial? Song 83 and prayer.

Remembrance *(Cont'd)*

others who show interest to attend the Memorial with us.

5 At the Memorial last year, we had a new all-time peak of 1,335,268 in attendance in the United States. This means that there were over 800,000 more present on that occasion than the 1979 peak number of publishers in this country. This year we have prepared a printed message that will be handed to all attenders. It will serve to encourage them to keep on associating and thus benefit from the spiritual provisions available throughout the year. An effort will be made to determine how many attenders at this year's Memorial do not have regular home Bible studies or are not regularly attending meetings. All publishers are encouraged to make a written list of the individuals they invite and who do attend the Memorial so that further steps can be taken by the elders and ministerial servants to visit and encourage them thereafter. These lists should be turned in to the book study conductors as soon as possible after the Memorial date.

6 We encourage all, especially the elders and ministerial servants, to take the initiative to introduce themselves to interested persons who attend the Memorial and make them feel welcome. This will be a stepping-stone to further assisting them in the future.—Rom. 12:13.

7 Fitting preparations were made back in 33 C.E. for keeping the Passover, after which Jesus introduced the Lord's Evening Meal. (Mark 14:12-16) All bodies of elders should make adequate arrangements for celebrating the Memorial this year. Advance preparation should be made in selecting a speaker for the occasion, arranging for the unleavened bread and the wine, assigning attendants, cleaning the Kingdom Hall, as well as meeting and welcoming all interested persons who attend. May Jehovah bless us as we endeavor to invite as many interested persons as possible to be present with us in celebrating the Memorial of Jesus Christ's death.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Making Your Family Life Happy:*

March 2:	Pages 62*	to	69
March 9:	Pages 70	to	80
March 16:	Pages 81	to	89
March 23:	Pages 90	to	96
March 30:	Pages 97	to	106*

* To or from subheading.

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We Appreciate Our Youths

[1] Since the time of the first human family Jehovah God has made provision for youths to be meaningfully involved in true worship. Accordingly the psalmist sang: "You are my hope, O Sovereign Lord Jehovah, my confidence from my youth."—Ps. 71:5; Gen. 4:1-4.

[2] How happy we are to have our youths praising Jehovah with us! Like Jehovah God, we appreciate their faithful service. Many persons have been attracted to the Kingdom message by young publishers. Sometimes our most zealous workers are youths. As they grow up in the truth, their spirituality can make a significant contribution to the overall spirituality of the congregations.

[3] Bible prophecy foretold the problems of youths that are so prevalent today. (2 Tim. 3:1, 2) While it is true that some young ones in various congregations have had serious problems, how happy we are when they respond to efforts that help them to recover from some form of wrongdoing and thereafter make real progress as fine Christian youths. Like Timothy, however, many of our young brothers and sisters have developed from infancy to adulthood, untarnished by the spirit of the world. (2 Tim. 3:14; Acts 16:1) Young ones who are conducting themselves well as Christians are deserving of commendation, particularly when we consider the pressures that many are subjected to from unbelieving companions and, sometimes, from schoolteachers, who may deride their Bible-based viewpoints. The faith of our young brothers and sisters condemns the ungodly world around them and attracts honest-hearted ones to the truth.—Heb. 11:7.

[4] To illustrate what is being done, one young sister who was teased and ridiculed because of her modest dress and labeled as "untouchable," was not intimidated into conforming to this world's ungodly standards. Instead she explained that as one of Jehovah's Witnesses that was the standard she kept. The teacher of another young publisher presented the evolution theory as fact and the Bible as myth. Loyally defending the Bible resulted in this publisher's being able to start a number of Bible studies. Some of those showing interest began attending meetings.

[5] We encourage all of you young ones among us to keep on "progressing in wisdom . . . and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:51, 52) Jehovah God invites you to act wisely, appreciating your role in the 'great issue.' (Prov. 27:11) Your God-given assignment is to 'fear God and keep his commandments.' (Eccl. 12:13) Continue developing as stable, helpful and trustworthy members of your families, honoring your father and your mother. (Eph. 6:1-3) As disciples of Jesus Christ, participate regularly in the meetings and field service activities. As you continue to progress, devoting yourselves to Jehovah God in an unbreakable relationship, you can be sure that many blessings from Jehovah await you both now and in the future.

Question Box

● What forms of address are recommended for use during congregational meetings?

When Jesus taught his followers to pray, he instructed them to address Jehovah as "Our Father." This thought of a spiritual family relationship between all of his followers was further emphasized when he told them "all you are brothers." (Matt. 23:8) Many times the apostles and disciples of Jesus used the term "brother" in a very direct sense. Peter referred to Paul as "our beloved brother Paul" and Paul spoke of "Titus my brother," and "our brother Timothy."—2 Pet. 3:15; 2 Cor. 2:13; Heb. 13:23.

In view of this close spiritual relationship, Jehovah's Witnesses normally address each other as "brother" and "sister." They generally do this along with the last name during congregational meetings. For the one presiding to use first names can, at times, cause certain problems. If a person were new to our meetings and we were not too well acquainted with him, he could feel we were being overly familiar if we called upon him by his first name since last names are customarily used when people are gathered at Christian meetings.

Whereas, the one presiding could call on very young children by their first name, were he to call older persons by their first name some may view this as a lack of respect. Or take the case of a sister whose husband is not in the truth but comes to a meeting for the first time. How will he feel if he hears his wife called by her first name by another married man in front of the whole congregation?

Such difficulties are resolved if those conducting meetings use last names when calling on individuals to comment. We would not address newly interested persons as "brother" or "sister" since the spiritual relationship of God's family does not exist in their case. Rather, use the first and last names together or preface the last name with the more formal *Mr., Mrs.* or *Miss* unless there is a reason for making an exception. On the other hand, when a person is approaching dedication and considers himself to be one of Jehovah's Witnesses, there may be no objection to prefacing the last name with "brother" or "sister."

When we use "brother" or "sister" during our congregation meetings, it indicates a very blessed relationship, a family relationship under the one Father, Jehovah God. (Eph. 2:19b) It is a bond that is far closer and more precious than any indicated by the use of first names.

Announcements

● Literature offer for March: Any of the 50-cent books in congregation stock except *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth,* or *School Guidebook.* Some may wish to offer the book *From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained* for 75c, and this may be done if you have this publication in stock in your local congregation. April: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three booklets given free to new subscribers. May: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.00. June: *Choosing the Best Way of Life* for 50c.

DISTRICT CONVENTION CHANGES

● The 1980 district conventions listed as "tentative" in the February 1, 1980, issue of *The Watchtower* and February *Our Kingdom Service* are now definite, with the exception that the dates for East Rutherford, NJ, are now July 17-20. Also, the Fremont, California Korean convention has been moved to Long Beach, California to be with the English convention on July 17-20.

● New Publications Available:

My Book of Bible Stories
—Afrikaans, New Guinea Pidgin, Sepedi, Sesotho, Zulu
Your Youth—Getting the Best out of It —Polish, Sepedi
Unseen Spirits—Do They Help Us? Or Do They Harm Us?
—Chichewa, Cibemba, Efik, Japanese, Shona
Acts of Apostles (Cassette recordings)
—French

● Congregation accounts should be audited on March 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone appointed by him.

● A limited supply of *Watchtower* and *Awake!* bound volumes are available at $3.00 each in the following languages for the years shown. We are pleased to fill orders while supply lasts.

Watchtower

1975-Italian
1976-English, French, German, Italian, Spanish
1977-French, German, Italian, Spanish
1978-German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish

Awake!

1971-English
1972-Spanish
1974-Spanish
1975-French, Italian
1976-French, German, Italian, Spanish
1977-French, German, Italian, Spanish
1978-Italian, Portuguese, Spanish

● Recently a number of foreign language congregations have been organized with fine potential for continued expansion. If you are fluent in speaking French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, or Portuguese and would be willing to serve where the need is greater here in the United States, please follow the procedure outlined in *Our Kingdom Service* of May, 1975, under Announcements. (See also *Organization* book, p. 135.) These foreign language groups are in metropolitan areas of the country.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Making Good Use of Literature

¹ How thankful we are for the publications Jehovah provides through his organization to keep us well fed spiritually. We eagerly thumb through new releases at conventions or the magazines when they come in the mail. Then we read them to gain the knowledge that aids us to know Jehovah and his purposes better. But this literature is not just for us. It is valuable in our preaching and disciple-making work.—Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20.

² While our goal is not just to place literature when we go in service, nevertheless, when we are well acquainted with what is in the publications we are anxious to get them into the hands of as many people as possible so they may be aided to learn the truths they contain. If we view the publications as God-given instruments to spread the truth, we will put forth conscientious effort to place them with the public.

³ Sometimes people are genuinely very busy when we call. Have you ever replied saying: "Since you do not have time to talk now, perhaps you would accept these two magazines? You can read them when you have some time and learn more about God's promise of something new. They are yours on a 20-cent contribution." Many magazines have been placed this way, and experiences have been related about individuals who have been aided to recognize the truth by reading just one of our magazines.

⁴ There are obviously times when it may not be appropriate to offer literature. But if we remember that someone may read the literature and benefit from it, whether it is the person we talk to or another member of the household, then we will want to offer the literature whenever it is appropriate.

⁵ During March we are offering one of the 50-cent books in our regular house-to-house activity. After introducing ourselves we might say: "Our purpose in visiting you today is to share God's promise of something new. When we see crime, violence and warfare in different parts of the world, it makes us long for a change to new and better conditions, doesn't it? [Allow for reply.] In 2 Peter 3:11, we read the promise that all wicked things will be done away with. And, notice here in verse 13 what is to come. [Read verse.] God promises a new system of things, one wherein righteousness is to dwell. [At this point, if it seems advisable, you may go on to Revelation 21:1, 4 to aid the householder to learn more about God's promises.] We are interested in helping people like you to learn more about God's promises, and an aid to doing so is this publication." Then show the book you are offering and highlight some point in it on God's promises.

⁶ There are times when we meet individuals who tell us that they are having family problems. There may be little ones in the home or teen-agers. We may feel the *Great Teacher* book, the *Youth* book, or some other publication would be particularly appropriate for the person. (You decide.) A householder may express doubts about God's existence or the value of the Bible. The *Evolution* book or the *Word of God* book will likely be helpful here. If the person we are talking to mentions that someone in the family has died, he may be comforted by thoughts in *Is This Life All There Is?* In any case, have in mind the objective of starting a study, perhaps right on the initial call.

⁷ Let us use the publications as a supplement to our oral testimony, to help answer questions, or so the householder can learn more at his own convenience. We can use them as an outline for discussions and as study aids. Yes, the publications come in handy in our house-to-house work, on return visits, for Bible studies, in street work and when doing informal witnessing.

⁸ What if we meet people who are genuinely interested but cannot contribute for the literature? There may be occasions when we conscientiously feel it is proper to give them a publication. However, we would not want to make a practice of giving literature away, especially if no real interest is shown. And while we may at times put a back issue of a magazine under the door if someone is not at home, this may not be appropriate in frequently covered territory. When it is done, be sure that the magazine is put completely out of sight so thieves are not made aware that no one is at home.

⁹ Continue to show appreciation for and use the fine literature Jehovah's organization has provided.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ At two "Living Hope" conventions held in Israel, 13 were baptized—more than in the whole last service year. Attendance was 350, over 100 more than publishers reporting.

◆ Japan reports that in November they had a new peak of 7,278 regular pioneers. Of 51,906 publishers reporting, 31 percent were in some feature of pioneer work.

◆ Mexico's "Living Hope" conventions were attended by 244,340.

◆ Portugal reports second peak in a row with 20,725 publishers reporting in November. They also report that no publishers lost their lives in the earthquake in the Azores.

◆ Ivory Coast branch reports fine activity in November with a new peak of 1,294 publishers. Upper Volta reached a new peak of 136 publishers.

Prepare (*Cont'd*)

Monday, March 31 Nisan 14
Matthew 26:26-56

(For further information see *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial,"* pages 288, 289 and *Aid to Bible Understanding,* page 930.)

⁴ Reading these passages carefully will enable each one of us to reflect upon Jesus and his activity during the closing days of his ministry. As we read this material, we should also give serious thought to our own personal standing before Jesus and Jehovah. Such self-examination, which often results in greater appreciation for spiritual things, is appropriate at any time. However, it is particularly fitting in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal. Additionally, our zealous participation in the field service gives us opportunity to make public declaration of our faith in and appreciation for our King and Ransomer, Christ Jesus, and for Jehovah who is 'the Giver of every good and perfect gift.' (Jas. 1:17) In keeping with the importance of the Lord's Evening Meal, let each of us prepare well for a fitting observance.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	643	129.2	93.8	46.5	4.6
Pios.	16,064	82.4	64.9	32.1	3.3
Aux. Pios.	12,881	58.4	44.7	18.8	1.6
Pubs.	517,873	8.4	8.9	3.7	.4
TOTAL	547,461				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,534

A fine report! The total publishers for December is 13,680—more than the peak during the 1979 service year.

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MARCH 31–APRIL 6

How to Introduce Yourself

1. Why is it advantageous not to introduce yourself in the same way all the time?
2. Should your introduction be (a) formal (b) jovial (c) warm and friendly? Why?
3. What introductions have you found appropriate? What do you find it best to avoid?

APRIL 7-13

Return Visits on Those Attending the Memorial

1. What is the purpose of calling on Memorial attenders?
2. What common ground do we have to start with on such calls? How is this helpful?
3. What steps can we take to start a Bible study with some not presently studying?

APRIL 14-20

Listening to People We Meet

1. Why is it important to listen to what the householder says?
2. Why might we neglect listening to the householder?
3. How can you incorporate the householder's comments into your presentation?

APRIL 21-27

Coping with Indifference

1. Why keep going in field service even though many are indifferent? (Ezek. 2:7)
2. How do you keep from letting indifference affect your joy?
3. Why should we not judge individuals we meet? (Acts 10:34, 35, 42)

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Are We "Fishers of Men"?

1 Picture in your mind, please, a group of fishermen in the days of Jesus and the apostles returning to shore after fishing all night. They had worked hard letting their nets down and drawing in the catch. Rowing the boat, often against the wind, was strenuous and tiring. But their teamwork paid off. There was a good catch and people were mingling with these hardworking men at the docks. Now there were fish to be sold at the markets. It was an exciting and rewarding time. Soon these men were ready to go home and get some sleep. But they would return again in search of a new catch.

2 A number of Jesus' apostles, perhaps seven of them, were professional fishermen. Four of them, Peter, Andrew, James and John, worked together as partners. (Matt. 4:18, 21) They worked well together as a group and were very much dependent on one another. They had to be in order to succeed in their endeavor. No wonder Jesus selected personalities like these to be "fishers of men." Do we today "slave" for Jehovah in this same way? It is good to ask ourselves whether we also qualify as "fishers of men" under the Lord's direction.

3 While the work of shepherding falls primarily on a few, all followers of Christ are called upon to be "fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19) How? By doing the preaching work and seeking out worthy ones to share in the separating work, which is watched over by Jehovah. In this connection we might ask ourselves if we are prepared to fish for men as effectively as we could be. Do we cooperate with our book study group, helping others to fish well or letting others who are skilled fishermen help us in our teaching and disciple-making work so we can have a "catch"? If we need help in our fishing, it is readily available among our fellow fishermen.

4 There are, of course, some territories in which the "fishing" is quite good and we usually cover such more often in our witnessing. On the other hand, all of our territory should be worked at least once a year. And whether there is an instant "catch" or not, our responsibility is to continue to let the nets down in all waters. (Luke 5:1-11) Just as a successful fisherman remains optimistic and gets real satisfaction from his work, so we should not become easily discouraged but look for opportunities to go 'fishing for men.'

5 Speaking about opportunities, think of those who recently attended the Memorial. Many who

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Speak from Your Heart's Abundance

1 "A good man brings forth good out of the good treasure of his heart, . . . for out of the heart's abundance his mouth speaks." (Luke 6:45) These words of wisdom came from the lips of Jesus, and they should have a deep and long-lasting effect on all who wish to have the approval of our God and Creator, Jehovah. Day in and day out mankind is faced with problems of life that are not conducive to producing the good works that identify one as a close follower of the Lord Jesus. The hearts of people in general have been hardened by the environment around them, much like ancient Pharaoh whose heart "became obstinate" against God.

2 Many hardened hearts have been softened by the healing power of God's Word and its abundant truths. The Bible account even tells of a vast mixed company that left Egypt with the Israelites at the time the tenth plague came upon the land. Their hearts were apparently softened by the demonstration of Jehovah's power. (Ex. 12:38) But what about us? Out of the abundance of our hearts are we producing good things that are a blessing to us and to those with whom we associate? How do we know if we have good things in our hearts and are able to speak out and do good?

3 You may ask yourself the following questions: *Do I rejoice as much today as when I first learned of the salvation by Jehovah through Jesus and began associating with Jehovah's people?* By the year 96 C.E., the congregation of Christians in Ephesus were said to have left the love they had at first, and that brought strong counsel to them.—Rev. 2:4.

4 *Do I concern myself with a continued personal study of Jehovah's Word as I did when I first learned of his grand promises through Christ?* The apostle Paul admonished Timothy to pay constant attention to himself and to

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 30

8 min: Song 18 and local announcements.

20 min: "Speak from Your Heart's Abundance." Discussion of material with audience. Give encouragement to use the *Watchtower* magazine extensively during the month and to take the initiative in offering subscriptions to interested ones.

20 min: Responding to Our Christian Commission. Discussion. All have been stimulated by attending the Memorial celebration. True meaning of that event was made clear. Events following Jesus' death are of great interest to us as well. Have good readers handle the following: (Read Matthew 28:1-8.) What occurred even as Jesus had promised? (Read Matthew 28:16-20.) What commission did the disciples receive from Jesus? What position did Jesus now occupy in heaven and on earth? What obligation that Jesus there gave applies even to this day, and what comforting assurance did he give to us? (Read John 21:15-17.) How did Jesus emphasize to Peter the importance of a spiritual feeding program? What impression should this make upon our hearts and minds today?

7 min: Giving Further Aid to Memorial Attenders. Service overseer goes over the need to make return visits on those who attended the Memorial to help them into further association with the congregation. Such ones who are not subscribers to the *Watchtower* magazine should be given the opportunity to subscribe. Encourage attendance at the special public talk during the coming week, which is on the subject, "Coping with Life's Anxieties."

5 min: Song 22 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 6

20 min: Song 78, local announcements and "Presenting the Good News—With a Positive Attitude." Discuss the experiences in the article and any local experiences. Also, some suggestions may be offered on what opportunities may come up locally to offer subscriptions in April. Highlight the idea of being positive in offering subscriptions.

15 min: "Are We 'Fishers of Men'?" Question-and-answer discussion to be handled by an elder. Include practical presentations dealing with speaking to those who attended the Memorial celebration as well as how to apply the information in the article in the various features of the field service. Emphasize paragraph four if your territory is worked often or there is very little response, outlining our responsibility as "fishers."

20 min: To be developed locally or have talk on *Awake!* article "How Some Have Been Helped to Believe" in November 8, 1979, issue pages 11-15.

5 min: Song 23 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 13

10 min: Song 100 and local announcements. Pertinent items from Announcements and accounts report.

15 min: What Are Your Children Learning? Interview with young children in congregation on Stories 90 and 91 of *my* book. Tie in importance of telling others of our hope and sharing Kingdom good news.

18 min: Discussion of portion of Sermon on the Mount. (Matt. 5:13-16) Elder to handle this portion based on *Watchtower* of March 15, 1978, pages 10, 11. (1) (Have verse 13 read.) Salt not only enhanced the taste of food, but served to prevent decay or corruption. Thus how should one conduct himself? How could a Christian, by discontinuing his efforts to share the "good news" of God's kingdom, lose his "saltness"? What could occur if the Christian failed to follow the Bible's moral guide? (2) (Have verses 14, 15 read.) By public witnessing activities, disciples of Jesus enlighten people, help them know God's purpose for mankind. How could a person put his light under a measuring basket? What would then result to the light he has? (3) (Have verse 16 read.) Others, by observing a Christian's "fine works," can perceive the excellence of his God. Therefore, what is the responsibility of the Christian at all times? What effect can this have on others seeking to find the light of truth? How does 1 Peter 2:12 counsel all who want to let their light shine?

10 min: Elder reports on how the congregation has done in the auxiliary pioneer service so far during the month. Also some encouraging experiences can be related, including some regarding return visits on those who attended the Memorial. Encourage all to share in the field service during the last two weeks of April and support the auxiliary pioneers.

7 min: Song 28 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 20

15 min: Song 36 and discussion of article "Have You Tried It Yet?" Local announcements.

15 min: "Carry On as Men"! Talk by elder on article. In paragraph four consider experiences of parents who have encouraged their children to enter full-time service, even forgoing certain luxuries so children could pioneer, go to Bethel or even enter missionary work. (There may be some locally who could relate their personal experiences in this regard. If not, see 3/15/77 *Watchtower,* pages 168-171, and 4/15/77 *Watchtower,* pages 249-253.)

10 min: Making Good Use of the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* Magazines. Have four or more brothers and sisters prepared with information from the current magazines that can be used in the field service to start conversations and interest people in further Bible study as well as magazine subscriptions.

15 min: "Disco—Is There Reason to Beware?" Talk by elder on article in December 22, 1979, *Awake!* magazine. Use points that emphasize need to keep on complete suit of armor and not be influenced by fads and attitudes of the world.—Eph. 6:10-16.

5 min: Song 31 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 27

8 min: Song 50, local announcements and Theocratic News.

20 min: To be developed locally, or consider material in the December 15, 1979, *Watchtower* article, "How Powerful Is the Good News?"

12 min: Do Not Lose Your Joy. Elder gives talk, with audience participation, on *Aid* book material beginning on page 970 under the subheading "Joy in God's Service." Highlight points in second paragraph, showing that one should have the joy that comes from heart appreciation. (This does not mean that it is always easy to share in some features of Kingdom service, but when a person makes the effort, he receives the joy of Jehovah because Jehovah blesses effort even though there may be few visible results.)

15 min: What Are Your Children Learning? Handled by an elder interviewing young children on Stories 114 and 115 of *my* book. Quiz young ones and help them to see how they and their parents can use the book in field service during May. Elder may also give a talk for five minutes on the value of this publication to the public. Encouragement should be given to all to have a share in field service the first Sunday in May. (Perhaps a report can be given on the past month's results in this activity.)

5 min: Song 68 and prayer.

Heart's Abundance *(Cont'd)*

his teaching. (1 Tim. 4:16) This included continuing to give personal attention to the Word of God, even as Timothy had done from infancy.

[5] *Do I seize opportunities to tell others of my firm hope in God and his promises for mankind in the future?* The Bible abounds with accounts of early Christians giving of themselves to pass along the truth to others. Jesus, Paul, Peter, Barnabas, Timothy, Silas and others stand out as splendid examples of those whose hearts were abundantly filled with good that they passed along to others.—Matt. 4:23; Acts 5:42; 13:1-5.

[6] *Do I daily conduct myself in such a way that others can observe that I practice what I speak about to others?* Paul showed how ineffective one's words would be if his conduct did not match his words. He wrote to the Roman Christians: "You, the one preaching 'Do not steal,' do you steal? You, the one saying 'Do not commit adultery,' do you commit adultery?" He went on to show that it is what a person is on the inside that counts with God and testifies to men that he is indeed a follower of Christ.—Rom. 2:21-29.

[7] At the outset of this article mention was made that mankind is faced with problems today that are not conducive to producing good works. On every hand we see violence, crime, immorality and hatred filling the hearts of so many. Oftentimes the message we bear is rudely rejected and we may become disheartened. It is at these times in particular that we need to turn to Jehovah for his help through Christ. We do well to call to mind all the good things we have, fill our hearts to overflowing, and then make efforts to help others.

[8] Jehovah, through his organization, has provided us with the in-

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"Carry On as Men"!

¹ When we speak to people in their homes or on other occasions, often the man of the house will say that his wife takes care of the religion in the family. It seems quite evident that the larger percentage of those in attendance at churches today are women rather than men. Among Jehovah's Witnesses, however, the man plays an important role since the Bible assigns him the responsibility to care for the spiritual interests of his family and the congregation. —1 Cor. 16:13.

² Thus, when a man does take interest in the spiritual welfare of his family and takes the lead in religious activity, it often causes others to take note. We rejoice when we see men coming into association with us through Bible studies and attendance at the meetings, and then advancing to baptism and further maturity. It is certainly a pleasure to have them among us, and we look forward to their further advancement to the point where they can assist in giving spiritual care to the sheeplike ones in the congregation.

³ Elders in the congregation do have a heavy responsibility. They not only have to care for themselves and their families, but must take an interest in the spiritual needs of others. Often they give of themselves far into the night handling problems of others, seeking to give them Scriptural counsel. Elders need to know where to go in the Scriptures for proper guidance and how to handle problems in a loving and kind way. These brothers are deeply appreciated by all in the congregation.

⁴ In caring for their own families, the brothers have a large and important assignment. Sometimes it may appear to be a thankless one, especially when children seem to be negative about their responsibilities in attending meetings and developing a good Christian conscience. We are reminded of one case of a father who had for some time allowed his children almost total freedom in coming and going, not requiring anything of them in building a spiritual personality. Then the day came when he saw that he must do something. As his two teen-age children said, "he put his foot down," insisting on their undertaking a serious study of the Bible. It was not easy at first, but as the children reported: "We could see by his firm, *loving* tone that he was serious about Bible knowledge." These children progressed in knowledge, and commented: "We dedicated our lives to Jehovah, were baptized and soon after started pioneering. Nine years have passed since then and we have never regretted that our Dad 'put his foot down' to us." Can you imagine how thankful that father must be to see how applying Bible principles does have its rewards and builds appreciation in children.

⁵ It is fine to see that many younger brothers are making good progress spiritually, and some are reaching out for greater responsibilities. Some are rendering helpful service in the congregation, while others have received appointments as ministerial servants and elders. All, however, endeavor to work in the interests of their brothers and members of their families. Rather than being like the majority of mankind in today's world, leaving religion to the women, these brothers of ours are a great help to the "faithful and discreet slave" class in caring for the Lord's interests entrusted to them. May Jehovah continue to bless them and may he add to their ranks in the time yet remaining, that all of us may benefit from their labors of love.

Have You Tried It Yet?

¹ Our objective in our preaching work from house to house and elsewhere is to communicate with people. If possible, we want to get a conversation started and then seek to interest the individuals in the message of the Kingdom that we have for them. It is not always so easy to do this.

² To assist us, the *Awake!* magazine since January has featured the first article, "Have You Ever Wondered . . . " followed by a question designed to encourage conversation. Some of the questions in the past several months have been: "If God is love, why does he permit wickedness?" "Is there any real solution to the energy crisis?" "What can keep families together?" "How many real friends do I have?" and "Will the rising cost of living ever end?"

³ Would you not agree that these are questions that many would be willing to discuss? Have you tried mentioning the question in the title and then reading the first paragraph or part of it? The opening paragraph will usually be short and will contain material designed to catch the attention of the householder. It makes it easier to start a conversation. Also, by following up with the question in the bold type after the first paragraph, you can invite the householder to express himself. This way the conversation is not one-sided, with only the Witness doing the talking.

⁴ Though the special April issues do not carry this feature, it will be continued in the coming months. For example, the May 8 issue will ask: "Are horoscopes reliable guides?" People today are looking for trustworthy guidance. This question could open up a fine discussion and make it possible for us to show that the Bible is the finest guide available.

⁵ The use of this feature in the magazine may open up many lively conversations. We individually will never know just how successful it can be *unless we try it.* Have you tried it yet?

"Fishers of Men"? (*Cont'd*)

came this year attended before and know something about the truth and Jehovah's organization. But what can we do to help them grow spiritually?

⁶ One thing we can do is to call on these people without delay to show we are interested in them and that we want to help them spiritually. Encourage them to attend the meetings with you. If they do not have a Bible study, can you start one with them? We want to help these people now and assist them to see the value of associating with Jehovah's people.

⁷ Then, during the first week in May we are asking the elders and ministerial servants to approach you to see how many you personally have been able to assist to get to the meetings or to help by conducting a study with them. If you have not been successful it is hoped that a visit from one of the elders, perhaps your book study conductor, or from one of the ministerial servants will assure these new ones that we are really interested in their spirituality. As Christ's disciples we must prove we really have love for one another and for the strangers.—John 13:35.

⁸ It is good to remember that the One in charge of all the "fishing" today is well acquainted with how much hard work is involved in getting a catch. He constantly commends us and rewards us for our participation in the fishing work. If each one of us does what he or she can to set aside time regularly for fishing, and follows through on every "bite," surely we can look to Jehovah for his direction and blessing on our efforts.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With a Positive Attitude

1 How do you feel about offering the *Watchtower* subscription this month? Are you enthused and looking for opportunities to share in this activity? To a large degree this depends upon your individual outlook. Realistically, we are not going to get a subscription at most doors. But we want to keep in mind that when a person accepts a subscription he is multiplying his exposure to the truth. Out of 24 issues, there may very well be at least one article that will catch his eye and reach his heart. Following are two extraordinary experiences that highlight the value of (1) having a positive attitude about the importance of the *Watchtower* magazine and (2) offering subscriptions at every opportunity.

2 One sister placed 90 subscriptions during the last subscription campaign. How did she do it? *She took advantage of every opportunity.* For example, she was going from door to door and saw a group of workmen digging up the street. She approached them and explained what she was doing. The result? She obtained 24 new subscriptions. Later she was going from door to door and met a lady who was having a luncheon for her friends. She discreetly presented the magazines and another 12 subscriptions were placed. One rainy morning several different persons called her on the telephone and she placed 10 subscriptions before she left the house. Obviously Jehovah was blessing her efforts.

3 Many of us have experienced the blessings of witnessing informally. One brother recently went on a business trip. On his return flight he started to converse with the man sitting next to him who turned out to be an army colonel. Their conversation led to the problem this man was having with his wife. After 20 years of marriage his wife was on drugs, had tried to commit suicide several times and was about to leave him for a younger man.

4 Our brother told this military man about the fine Scriptural help and encouragement given him each time he receives the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. The man asked how he could get these magazines for himself and also wanted them sent to his wife. Our brother inquired as to the address of his wife, but the colonel couldn't find a pen. Before the brother could get his pen, the man sitting next to the window put one in the colonel's hand. He had been listening even though our brother did not know it.

5 The plane landed and when the brother got up to get off, the couple seated in front of him turned and had tears in their eyes as did two students from a local Bible school seated across the aisle. The lady in front said she wanted the magazines also. The two students across the aisle said, "Don't leave us out. We want them too." Thus, by taking the initiative while on this business trip, a total of 22 subscriptions, 21 books and 45 magazines were placed.

6 Obviously experiences like these do not happen every day. But even if we try all month and get no results, we have still done the right thing. We appreciate the value of this journal and realize the influence for good it has in our lives. So endeavor to keep the magazines before the public during April. We pray that Jehovah will go with each one of us as we do.

Heart's Abundance *(Cont'd)*

struments to assist any who have a listening ear. In the April 1, 1980, *Watchtower* there is the article "The Promise of a Bright Future." How fitting to the needs of the people today! And in the April 15 issue there is the article entitled "Coming—A World Without Pain." Should not our hearts move us to action when we come to know Jehovah and his grand promises?

9 There is no better way to give evidence of what is abundantly in our hearts than to share this good news with others. During this month of April we will be providing such information for those we meet in our daily contacts through the door-to-door work, on the streets, in stores and other informal conversations. How might we do this? By carrying a few copies of these magazines with us. When opportunity affords, speak from the abundance of the heart. May all of us together bring forth good out of the good treasure of our hearts, for out of our hearts' abundance our mouths will speak.

Meetings for Field Service *(Cont'd)*

APRIL 28–MAY 4

Current Literature Offer

1. Why is it beneficial to show householders something specific from the publications?
2. What talking points and illustrations from the offer do you plan to use?

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Venezuela reported 13,869 publishers in December, with 39,300 in attendance at their three "Living Hope" District Conventions.**

◆ **While there were some material losses for the brothers during the recent earthquake in the Azores islands, there was no loss of lives among the Witnesses. The Kingdom Hall survived the quake without damage.**

Announcements

● Please note the literature offers for the following months. Order any needed supplies now.

April: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three booklets given free to new subscribers.

May: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.00.

June: *Choosing the Best Way of Life* for 50c.

July: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three booklets given free to new subscribers.

● District convention lapel cards in English and Spanish and the celluloid holders should be ordered on the regular Literature Order Blank. Please send in orders after April 1, 1980. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 5c each.

● Starting in July the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life* will be used in the congregation book studies.

● New Publications Available:
Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century —Italian, Thai

● Tape recordings of *The Good News According to Matthew* are now available in English on two cassette tapes at a cost of $3.00 per set. Pioneers may order the set of two at a cost of $2.50. Please place orders through the congregation and use the Special Cassette Tape Order Blank for such orders.

● District Convention Change: The first Providence, R.I., district convention scheduled for June 19-22 has been moved one day earlier and will be held Wednesday through Saturday, June 18-21. Brothers should contact hotels/motels to adjust reservations accordingly.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Making Your Family Life Happy*:

April 6: Pages 106* to 113
April 13: Pages 114 to 122*
April 20: Pages 122* to 130
April 27: Pages 131 to 138*

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Promise of Something New. —2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:4, 5.

1. God promises new heavens and a new earth.
2. The blessings due from that new system of things.

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av: Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	640	131.9	91.2	50.1	4.8
Pios.	16,378	86.6	64.6	34.6	3.5
Aux. Pios.	12,381	60.0	43.3	20.9	1.8
Pubs.	515,908	8.4	8.4	3.9	.4
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MAY 5-11

Reason for This Month's Offer

1. Why do you feel that the "Bible Stories" book is of value to others in our territory?
2. How will you convey this to those you talk with?
3. How can the "Bible Stories" book be used to improve family life?

MAY 12-18

Featuring "My Book of Bible Stories"

1. Have someone demonstrate how he has been presenting the "Bible Stories" book.
2. Invite expressions from others on presentations they have enjoyed using.

MAY 19-25

Showing Interest in People

1. Why are people responsive when genuine interest is shown in them?
2. Suggest some ways we can show such interest in people today.
3. How can you show interest in people while using the Bible in conversation?

MAY 26–JUNE 1

Following Up Interest

1. How can we help individuals who attended the Memorial and special talk?
2. What about those we found in field service during April?
3. How do you plan to offer the "Choosing" book?

A Marvelous Instrument to Aid All

[1] "Just what we need," said an elder to the congregation. "They are going like 'hot cakes,'" said another brother. An interested woman wrote to the Society, "Please find enclosed a check for $120 for the initial purchase of 60 books. Please forward to me as quickly as possible." Yes, comments like these can be repeated many times over. They illustrate the point that we do have a marvelous instrument to aid all. What is this instrument? It is *My Book of Bible Stories!* Since its release at the "Victorious Faith" International Convention in 1978, over 9,000,000 copies have been printed in 19 languages, with plates being readied for printing in 12 more languages during the first part of 1980.

[2] How can we make good use of this publication? There are many fine features that are appealing to the eye and heart: its chronological order, large print, many pictures, self-teaching style, and its short stories. We can use these to aid all.

ALL ARE AIDED

[3] The teaching value of the book's pictures is indeed great, giving truth to the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words." "The pictures hold our son's attention while we read to him," writes a parent. "We are amazed at the way the pictures vividly recall the stories to his mind."

[4] "I know that this book was especially made for the younger children," writes a 16-year-old from Iowa, "and I don't consider myself a young child. But from the bottom of my heart I can say that next to the Bible, this is the finest book I've ever read."

[5] Since the Bible accounts are presented in the order that they occurred, they are appreciated by veteran Bible students. One sister said, "I have such a problem placing people and things in their right place in history. So this book is a real help to me. In our preaching work, we find many older people who are interested in having a book in chronological order. This book fills that need." Because of failing eyesight, a sister said that the large print is easier to read at night. And she adds, "The basic message of the book—'If Jehovah says "No!" don't do it; if he says do something, do it!'—comes through

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Enjoy Summer Opportunities and Use Them Well

[1] As we anticipate summertime with its milder weather, we are glad we can enjoy a variety of activities and the refreshment it brings. While we may plan for a change of pace during our vacation period, the big event this summer will be the district convention.

[2] Because there are many things that can occupy our time, we need to be careful to maintain a good routine of spiritual activity. Do not let spiritual things take a secondary place. Endeavor to use your summertime opportunities well. Your doing so will contribute to greater joy.—Phil. 3:16; Matt. 5:3.

[3] The apostle Peter was a busy person; he lived a full life. Although he felt pressures of life and experienced problems caused by opposers, he knew 'that seasons of refreshing come from the person of Jehovah.' (Acts 3:19) He agreed with other Bible writers who showed that our drinking in God's Word and associating with our brothers bring refreshment. (Rom. 15:32; Ps. 23:2, 3) And it is '*doers* of the will of God who will be happy.' (Jas. 1:25; John 13:17) These verses emphasize the importance of keeping Jehovah first, keeping well fed spiritually, associating with our brothers and being active in Jehovah's service if we want to enjoy the greatest refreshment.

[4] With this in mind, make it a practice to share in field service with your brothers on the first Sunday of each month. Endeavor to hold to this good pattern during the spring and summer months. Some families have arranged their affairs to spend some time together in the service at least one day each week. If your family does this, we encourage you to hold to such a good routine. Will you or another member of your family, with your encouragement, be able to spend some time in auxiliary pioneer work this summer? How fine it is

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 4

8 min: Song 51, local announcements and "Unsolicited Correspondence."

15 min: "Two Are Better than One." Elder discusses article from March 15, 1980, issue of *The Watchtower* with congregation. Include appropriate local experiences.

22 min: "A Marvelous Instrument to Aid All." Questions and answers. Demonstrate paragraphs 7 and 8; ask audience for comments on what they felt was effective in the presentations. Entertain additional suggestions from publishers on how they have been presenting the book effectively.

15 min: Ask audience what they enjoyed from the meeting, what they learned from it, and what they feel they can use in field service or other theocratic activities during the coming weeks.

Remind elders and ministerial servants to contact publishers regarding interested people who attended the Memorial. If these persons are not attending meetings or do not yet have a weekly Bible study, elders and ministerial servants are encouraged to call on them in an effort to help and encourage them spiritually. If it is desirable, these calls can be made with the publishers who originally invited them. Song 66 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 11

8 min: Song 29, welcome, local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Happy Full-Time Servants." Question-and-answer consideration of this portion of the insert.

7 min: Interview any auxiliary, regular or special pioneers in the congregation or persons who may be in other branches of full-time service. Those who have shared in such privileges in times past and who still have the pioneer spirit may also be interviewed. Get brief encouraging expressions of appreciation from these individuals, why they like the full-time service, how they have benefited from it. Ask about the pleasures and blessings they have enjoyed. If some have been through the Pioneer Service School, ask them how it helped them in the field service.

Encourage all interested in missionary work to attend the Gilead Meeting at 1 p.m., Thursday at the "Divine Love" District Convention. Even if some are not qualified for missionary work now, their attendance can help them to know the steps to take so that they may qualify in the future.

Those interested in Bethel service are also encouraged to attend the Bethel Meeting at the district convention at 1 p.m., on Saturday.

10 min: "Jephthah's Promise." A father or capable brother should handle this part drawing children out on Story 53 from *My Book of Bible Stories.* The children should be encouraged to make their own comments, spontaneously. Feature points showing Jephthah did not go back on his vow that one member of his household should serve Jehovah at the tabernacle the rest of her days, even though it was his daughter. Jephthah's daughter was willing to cooperate. She was willing to make great sacrifices to do so. Others rejoiced in the fine example she set as a good servant of Jehovah.

20 min: Elders can use this time as needed locally or the time may be used to briefly review the main points of the articles "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?" in the May 8 and/or May 22 issues of *Awake!* Then demonstrate a presentation of either or both articles. (See *Our Kingdom Service,* January 1980, page 4, for suggestions on these presentations.)

Include a few minutes at the end of the meeting to allow the congregation to comment on what they enjoyed from the meeting, what they learned from it and points they feel they can use in encouraging others. Song 103 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 18

10 min: Song 62, welcome and local announcements. Include appropriate items from Announcements.

12 min: "They Need Their Friends." Elder gives practical talk on the article in January 1, 1980, issue of *The Watchtower.*

18 min: "Use Your Gifts Well."

(10 min.) Question-and-answer consideration by service overseer.

(8 min.) Interview publishers who do well in certain features of service as outlined in paragraph 4. Commend.

20 min: Invite publishers to tell of pleasures and interesting experiences they have enjoyed in offering *My Book of Bible Stories;* also, any interesting experiences they have had in using this book to study with their children. Song 58 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 25

8 min: Song 24, opening remarks and local announcements.

12 min: "Enjoy Summer Opportunities and Use Them Well." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Ask for other local suggestions on how individuals or family groups plan to use their summer opportunities well.

Last year, a family of nine, the parents and seven children, spent their vacation in a small, isolated town that seldom receives a witness. They wanted to have a share in spreading the good news there. The family spent part of each day in the witness work and the other part swimming and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. They commented on the joy they had, 'the privilege of being bearers of the good news' in this seldom-worked territory. They said, "It was the most delightful vacation we have ever had!"

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *Choosing* Book." Assign publishers ahead of time to look up and comment on specific references in the article outlining how they can be used. Demonstrate presentation most appropriate for territory. Use a regular or auxiliary pioneer if available.

Encourage all to share in field service activity arranged for first Sunday of the month. Announce when and where publishers are to meet.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Promise of Something New. —2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1, 4.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Making Your Family Life Happy:*

May 4: Pages 138* to 145
May 11: Pages 146 to 155*
May 18: Pages 155* to 160
May 25: Pages 161 to 168*

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* To or from subheading.

25 min: "1980 'Divine Love' District Conventions." Also, "District Convention Reminders." Question-and-answer consideration. Encourage all to have a share in the special field service activity arranged for Friday afternoon. If the congregation has made arrangements as to where they will meet so they can work together, this should be announced also. Encourage those interested in missionary service and Bethel service to attend these meetings on Thursday and/or Saturday at the district convention.

Ask the brothers what they enjoyed from the meeting, what they learned and feel they can use in the days and weeks to come. Song 49 and prayer.

Summer Opportunities *(Cont'd)*

when members of a family can do this together. On such occasions, many young persons have tasted of full-time service and have been greatly benefited spiritually. Encourage and help one another to have a full share in the field service.

[5] During June we will be featuring the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life.* Offer it from house to house, as you travel, to friends, to relatives and others you meet. Point out timely and interesting features in the book including, perhaps, the chapter you enjoyed most. Tell them why it meant so much to you. It may be that your comments will move them to want to read the book as well.

[6] Summer may provide an opportunity to catch up on reading. With so many distractions during this season, we need to be careful that other activities do not crowd out our personal and family study. Some who enjoy doing things out-of-doors have also enjoyed doing their studying there. If you are away from home, have you ever invited those you are with to join you in your personal or family study? Doing so can be both enjoyable and beneficial.

[7] Yes, this summer should prove to be a busy yet happy time. Whatever you do, maintain good balance and do not let other activities crowd out the more important spiritual ones. Make it your goal to *enjoy* your summer opportunities and *use* them well.

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1980 "DIVINE LOVE" DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The quality of divine love tends to draw us closer to Jehovah, his Son and one another and ever strengthens our resistance to separation. We trust that this same attraction will draw us to attend one of the 102 "Divine Love" District Conventions for the United States, hold us in attendance from beginning to end and leave us with reluctance to see it end. Not one of us can afford to miss a single session. The opening talks on Thursday set the stage for what is to follow, helping us to catch the spirit of the whole convention. Much information has already been given to help us with our plans to attend. The February 1 *Watchtower* listed the 102 convention locations and dates, and the February *Our Kingdom Service* provided helpful information as to where it is recommended each congregation attend as well as explained a new approach to finding rooming accommodations.

Our exemplar, Jesus Christ, taught that there is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving. (Acts 20:35) It is good, therefore, that we give attention to what we can *give* at conventions as well as to what we will *receive*. To that end we are providing the following information.

PROGRAM: "Who is wise? He will both observe these things and show himself attentive toward Jehovah's acts of loving-kindness." So says the psalmist at Psalm 107:43. Such attentiveness means focusing our mind on the things being presented, together with a receptive attitude. The word attentive also carries with it the thought of being conscious of the comfort of others, being courteous. Therefore, we must be attentive not only to the things presented from the platform, but also to the needs of others. In the first century many sought front seats for greater honor. Such seats are now desired by many not for honor, but simply to minimize the distractions from the program sometimes caused by unnecessary noise, some walking about or other acts of thoughtlessness on the part of fellow attenders. Christian love will prompt us to listen carefully to all that is presented from the platform as well as to train ourselves and our families to do nothing that will unnecessarily distract those seated around us. Since habits cultivated at our local meetings will manifest themselves at our conventions this summer, why not begin working now to improve in this matter of attentiveness where we see the need for it?

MUSIC: Special music for listening and for audience singing has again been prepared. Singing is a fine way of giving expression to what is in our heart. We encourage you to participate wholeheartedly in singing Jehovah's praise at the convention.

CONDUCT: True Christianity is a way of life, not simply something to which we belong. When we as Christian witnesses of Jehovah convene in large numbers, the demonstration of Christlike qualities contributes to a powerful witness. Our conventions are often widely publicized so we have an excellent opportunity to let our fine conduct glorify God. (1 Pet. 2:12) Guard against anything that would cause the way of the truth to be spoken of abusively.—2 Cor. 6:3; 2 Pet. 2:2.

Much good counsel was given on the matter of maintaining honorable conduct while attending conventions in the April 1978 and May 1979, *Our Kingdom Service*. It would be good for you to review this information by way of a reminder. One of the objectives of our assembling together is to 'encourage one another.' At one time or another, have you not been favorably impressed and encouraged by the conduct of fellow Witnesses in contrast with that of people in general? It may have been their kindness and patience while waiting in line, their consideration of others in traffic, the chasteness and modesty reflected by their dress as befits holy people, the genuine respect shown parents and other older ones, the loving and persistent training of youth, the kind expressions of appreciation for service rendered either by fellow Christians or those of the world, and so forth. On this latter point, for example, although it is a personal matter based on circumstances, recognition of the custom of tipping certain hotel, motel and restaurant personnel can greatly affect our reputation with worldly ones who provide us with various services. The world takes things for granted and is basically self-centered. True Christians are not that way, but, rather, take the lead in "showing honor to one another," treating others as they would like to be treated themselves.—Heb. 10:25; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; Rom. 12:10.

One area that continues to need attention is the matter of the excessive saving of seats. Various approaches have been made to deal with this problem, but nothing substitutes for the basic Christian quality of love in this matter. When arranging for conventions, the Society tries not to fill a facility to its absolute capacity so as to allow for some extra room. Of course, circumstances sometimes arise that affect this, but we are pleased to see that the majority of our brothers are able to cooperate very well with the recommendations as to where to attend. So, brothers, it may be good for each one of us to review his attitude toward this matter of seating at conventions. We may ask ourselves: Do I always seek out the preferred sections in which to sit, or if my health and circumstances permit, do I sometimes choose to sit in upper sections or those more difficult to get to so that older or newer ones are not inconvenienced? Do I spread out my belongings on adjoining seats causing others to think that they are occupied? Would it not be considerate to remove my articles from seats not actually being occupied at least 10 or 15 minutes before the session begins, so that others are not inconvenienced by having to unnecessarily search for seats or place attendants in the awkward position of having to remove the articles themselves? Do I keep my family together or know where they will be sitting so that family members are not reserving seats for each other needlessly? Do I yield graciously to the direction of attendants in this matter of seating? Is the same diligence exercised in saving a seat displayed in my effort to occupy that seat from the beginning of the program to its conclusion? Am I 'inciting to love and fine works' in this matter of seating?

SPECIAL AFTERNOON FIELD SERVICE: Over 46,000,000 people live in the immediate vicinity of the 102 "Divine Love" District Conventions in the United States. What better way would there be for us to display our loving concern for these millions of individuals than by putting forth a real effort to share the Kingdom message with them as part of our convention activity? To that end, Friday afternoon has been set aside for special field service. Since the program is scheduled to conclude by 1:00 p.m., it should be possible for those in attendance to get something to eat at the convention site, get organized into groups and be in the field by about 2:00 p.m. Various features of field service will be arranged and it would be most fitting for elders and ministerial servants to serve as captains of groups. Each one should bring a witnessing bag and current magazines together with his Bible. Anything additional, along with further details about the afternoon's service, will be announced at the convention. We feel confident that the content of the morning's program will make you eager to share in the field activity Friday afternoon.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: The readiness and willingness of Jehovah's people to perform necessary tasks, often of a menial nature, has favorably impressed many. The same volunteer service arrangement as outlined on page 5 of *Our Kingdom Service* insert for May 1979, will be used again this year. This is a system where those caring for departments or other duties invite individuals to assist them, often utilizing the circuit assembly organization, as well as arranging various groups of volunteers through the congregation's convention coordinator. Real effort is being made to limit work to what is necessary, and so you can be sure that if you are asked to help or are included in a group of volunteer workers, you are doing work that is needed and very much appreciated. A Volunteer Service desk will be in operation at the convention where last-minute volunteers can report and be directed to the department needing help.

FOOD NEEDS: For your convenience, food and drinks will be provided similar to last year at every convention. Most will no doubt appreciate this provision since many will be staying overnight where there are no kitchen facilities. It is good to know that our brothers will be lovingly preparing suitable food at all the conventions to care for our needs during the day. Of course, just as was experienced by Jesus on more than one occasion, the feeding of large numbers of people sometimes results in surplus because we do not want any to have to go hungry. (Matt. 14:14-21) We are grateful for the help of those who understand this and have purchased these food items to take along with them at the conclusion of the convention. Food quantities are figured largely on expected attendance, feeling that most will take advantage of the arrangement.

Once again the $1 convention tickets in 10c segments will be used at the conventions for the purchase of food only. These tickets will be made available to your congregation by the convention organization a number of weeks in advance and you may purchase them through the congregation at that time. It is suggested that you make this advance purchase of enough tickets to supply your own or your family's needs for two or three days of the convention. Your cooperation in this respect is appreciated, not only because it reduces the amount of money handling required at the convention, but also because it eliminates the congestion and inconvenience of long lines at the cashiers on the first day. These tickets may also be used for the purchase of surplus food, if available.

We look forward to the good things that Jehovah has in store for us in connection with the "Divine Love" District Conventions and trust that the information here provided will assist you in making your plans to attend. Your diligence in this regard will certainly bring a rich reward from our loving God, Jehovah.—Heb. 11:6.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention in selecting your rooms is very much appreciated. If you have not already made a reservation and forwarded a deposit, it is necessary to do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request Form has been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations selected from the listing, you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the Special Needs arrangement you should notify both the landlord or hotel/motel and the convention Rooming Department so the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon request, available information on any commercial trailer and camping facilities in the convention area.

BAPTISM: At most locations, the immersion will be on Saturday. Those who wish to symbolize their dedication by water baptism should have reviewed the 80 questions and also chapter six in the *Organization* book with the elders prior to the convention. Bathing suit and towel should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows appreciation to be in our seats when the program begins. That will be at 9:50 a.m., on Thursday and Friday and at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday and Sunday. The same qualities are displayed when we do not plan to leave before the sessions conclude. The closing song and prayer will be at 4:50 p.m., on Thursday. Friday afternoon will be set aside for a special effort in field service and so the sessions will conclude by 1:00 p.m. On Saturday the closing song and prayer are scheduled at 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday at 4:40 p.m.

GILEAD AND BETHEL MEETINGS: A meeting will be held on Thursday at 1:00 p.m., for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service. There will be a meeting on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., for any dedicated publishers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and would like to enter Bethel service.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers will need to bring their Pioneer Identification and Assignment card to the convention. Those on the list for six months at the time of the district convention are entitled to receive food tickets upon presentation of their Identification and Assignment card at one convention only. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Literature will be available to pioneers at pioneer rates at the bookroom. All traveling overseers and those in Bethel service will receive a special identification card (CO-57) for obtaining their convention tickets as well as any free releases.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention as well as to facilitate identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, *please wear the* lapel card at the convention and also while traveling to and from the convention site. You should obtain these through your congregation. You will note that the lapel card has been designed in such a way that it may be used again for circuit assemblies until next summer. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 5c each.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions.

Happy Full-Time Servants

1 When you talk with those who are or have been in the full-time service, it becomes apparent that this activity has been rewarding for them and that their memories are happy and satisfying ones.

2 After a fine month in the service, one mother with two children wrote: "I just wanted to thank you for the best month that I can recall. When the auxiliary pioneer arrangement was introduced, I was overjoyed because now I can auxiliary pioneer every month."

3 A brother who was recently married and is a regular pioneer with his wife said: "My wife and I want to tell you how much we have enjoyed being in the pioneer service!" A wife wrote: "For the past two years my husband and I have enjoyed the full-time service as regular pioneers. It has served as a great protection for us as well as given us a very rich, full life. Perhaps one of my greatest joys is to be able to share in the pioneer service with my husband. It has been such a fine way to begin our marriage, drawing us closer to one another and to Jehovah. The rewards are uncountable."

4 A pioneer husband and wife said: "Jehovah has richly blessed us. We are able to care for our two teenagers. Really, our pioneering has aided them to be more spiritual minded. They are both going to be baptized at the summer assembly and join us by auxiliary pioneering in July." What a rich blessing for parents to have!

5 One pioneer wrote, saying: "I planned to auxiliary pioneer for one month, which I did. But I found so much interest that I couldn't stop. I had to keep pioneering to look after all the interest and to conduct the studies." Another pioneer said: "My greatest joy is finding interest and then conducting Bible studies."

6 A sister, a widow, 61 years of age, after five years of full-time service said: "I am so thankful to Jehovah for this short period of time. These past years while pioneering have brought so much happiness and contentment, I just had to tell you. I pray that I can continue as long as there is work to do. I cannot really begin to name all of the blessings and joys."

7 Are you one of those happy pioneers? Then you know what these brothers and sisters are talking about. Many who are now in the pioneer work or who have been in the past have said: 'I used to hear the exuberant expressions of appreciation from those in full-time service—pioneers, missionaries, members of the Bethel family and traveling brothers and sisters—but it was not until I got into the full-time service myself that I really understood what they were talking about.'

8 Perhaps you could be one of those happy pioneers

—even temporarily. Many have auxiliary pioneered for a month or more. Last year 17 percent of the publishers in the United States, over 100,000, shared in this activity. Were you one of them? In some congregations over half of the publishers have succeeded in arranging their affairs to share in the auxiliary pioneer work. This has been true especially where elders and ministerial servants have taken the lead.

9 Many young publishers who are out of school for the summer are planning to auxiliary pioneer for one or more months. Are you planning to do this too? Perhaps you can share in this activity when your circuit overseer visits the congregation. Many brothers and sisters who are now serving at Bethel, in missionary work or other branches of full-time service first served as auxiliary pioneers and then took up the regular pioneer work when they completed their schooling. Is it your goal to serve your Creator in your young manhood or womanhood? (Eccl. 12:1) Can you serve as an auxiliary pioneer or begin to serve as a regular pioneer this summer?

10 Those who are in the pioneer service are not there because they have nothing else to do or no other responsibilities. They are there because they choose to be. This service was one of their goals; it was high on the list of their priorities. Full-time service is not always easy. However, the blessings are rich and the satisfaction of serving Jehovah in this way is great.

11 Those of you who are members of a family and are in full-time service are to be commended for arranging your schedule to have a share in this work. And you other members of the family who have cooperated by sharing in necessary work at home and helping in other ways to make it possible for a member of your family to be in the pioneer service are to be commended too. By your support you show you appreciate the importance of the work.

12 It may be that you are not able to be in the full-time service now, but you would like to be. Perhaps it is your goal to serve as a missionary or at Bethel some day. As you reach for your goal, we encourage you to attend the meetings at the district conventions for those who are interested in Bethel and missionary service.

13 The circumstances of many of our dear brothers and sisters do not permit them to be in the full-time service. Nevertheless, it is obvious that they, too, are happy in Jehovah's service. How generous Jehovah has been in making it possible for all of his people to be happy in their service to him no matter what their circumstances in life may be.—2 Cor. 8:12.

14 However, if you are one who enjoys the privilege of sharing in some feature of full-time service, we know that you have often thanked Jehovah for your blessings. We are glad to assure you that we appreciate what you are doing and you can be sure that Jehovah does too. —Heb. 6:10.

BETHEL SERVICE

The same zeal that motivates Jehovah's people to increase their share in the activity of preaching and conducting Bible studies also stirs those whose circumstances allow them to volunteer for service at Bethel, the world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses. It is here that the production of the printed page, used in the spreading of God's message earth wide, originates. That the printing and production of printed material has been closely linked with the spirit of evangelism from very early times in Christian history is borne out by one statement made by the Supreme Court of the United States: "The hand distribution of religious tracts is an age-old form of missionary evangelism—as old as the history of printing presses." (*Murdock* v. *Pennsylvania,* 319 U.S. p. 105)

The Bible also places special emphasis on the use of printed material in getting the preaching work done for those of us alive in "the last days." The book of Revelation, the 9th chapter, verses 16 through 19, describes 200,000,000 colorful horses with heads of lions and tails of serpents. Out of their mouths fire and smoke and sulphur issue forth and their tails are like serpents. What do these two hundred million horses symbolize? They picture the Bibles, Bible-study-aid books, booklets, magazines and tracts that tell of the destruction to come upon Christendom in God's day of vengeance. (*fm* p. 244) This publication of Bible literature is under the direction of the anointed remnant. What a tremendous privilege to have a share in the production of these "horses" and to work alongside the brothers of Christ in fulfilling their commission.—Matt. 25:37-40.

Another prophecy undergoing fulfillment in our time is that of Ezekiel 34:11-14. "For this is what the Sovereign Lord Jehovah has said: 'Here I am, I myself, and I will search for my sheep and care for them. According to the care of one feeding his drove . . . And I will bring them out from the peoples and collect them together from the lands and bring them in onto their soil and feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the stream beds and by all the dwelling places of the land. In a good pasturage I shall feed them.'" How true it is that Jehovah is providing an abundance of spiritual food for his people through the various publications. We are indeed enjoying "good pasturage"! In addition to that, how evident it is that many of us as well as our friends, neighbors and family members have been directed to Jehovah by this same means.

What can you do to have a share in this grand work of supplying the spiritual food to your brothers around the earth under the direction of the "faithful and discreet slave"? If you are a baptized male between the ages of 19 and 35, spiritually and physically strong, and able to serve at Bethel, have you given thought to availing yourself of this facet of full-time service? Occasionally there are openings for single or married brothers even though they are over 35 years of age. Such ones are encouraged to apply if they have a trade, specialized skill or professional training.

If you are not yet of age what can you do? Since it is the same interest in getting the good news preached that moves some to engage in the pioneer work, it would be a fine step for you to be an auxiliary or regular pioneer in preparing yourself spiritually for Bethel service. Those who serve at Bethel do so not because they have less love for God's work in the field. Rather, it is a love of God and man that motivates them to take up and continue in Bethel service. They, too, engage in actively preaching and conducting home Bible studies. Pioneering will also help you to learn to lead a more disciplined and organized life that is vital for successful and happy service at Bethel.

As parents and elders we can do much to encourage younger brothers to make Bethel service a goal. In the world today financial security is of chief concern to most people. As a result, much stress is placed on higher learning and job opportunities to accumulate material things and make for a comfortable life in this old system of things. However, one elder wrote this to a young man after telling of some who put emphasis on gaining of a lot of material things: "However, you, O man of God, flee from these things. But pursue righteousness, godly devotion, faith, love, endurance, mildness of temper. Fight the fine fight of the faith, get a firm hold on the everlasting life for which you were called and you offered the fine public declaration in front of many witnesses." (1 Tim. 6:11, 12) Really, it comes down to a matter of faith in Jehovah's ability to see that his servants would not be lacking if they put his interests first in their lives. In fact, he *wants* his servants to put him to the test in this regard and to look to him as one who rewards those who seek to please him.—Mal. 3:10; Heb. 11:6.

For those who are in a position to serve at Bethel now, what a wonderful opportunity to express your love for Jehovah and to be of service to your brothers world wide. Jesus showed that those involved in this spirit of giving would gain true happiness. (Acts 20:35) If you desire to apply, write to Watchtower Society, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York 11201, Attention: Personnel Committee, asking for an application. You, too, will find the joy that comes from expending yourself in Jehovah's service.

A Marvelous Instrument *(Cont'd)*

loud enough even for old ladies to hear." Older ones appreciate it, too.

HOW TO PRESENT IT

6 How can the *Bible Stories* book be presented effectively? Much depends on you and how you feel about the book. Why do you feel it is of value? With conviction and enthusiasm tell others how you feel about it. It was prepared primarily with young people in mind, but with a choice of language that also appeals to many adults. So we should not hesitate to present it to all age groups.

7 Since summer vacations are approaching, it may be that young publishers can take the book to school and offer it to schoolmates for reading during their vacation. In normal conversation with another student you might say: "What will you be doing during the summer vacation?" (Allow time for answer.) Depending on the answer, you could say: "We are going to a convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in [name the city] for four days. [Allow for response.] At one of the conventions a couple of years ago we got a book that was really interesting to me." Show it to the student. Suggest he might like to get a copy and read it during vacation time. Perhaps you will present it a different way. But remember, if you can show a person what *you* like in the book, the same point may interest him too.

8 Or when talking to householders, after introducing yourself, you could say: "We are sharing something that many people truly appreciate. It is this beautiful publication, *My Book of Bible Stories*. Probably you have wondered about the answers to questions such as these." Then turn to Part 1 and read the first paragraph under the heading "Creation to the Flood." Thereafter, draw attention to the pictures in Stories 1 and 2 on the following pages and make appropriate comments on them.

9 Another presentation which has been successfully used is similar to the one found in the August 1979 issue of *Our Kingdom Service*. You might say: "Good day. As a neighbor of yours it is a pleasure to bring you good news. Most of us have experienced the loss of a close friend or relative in death. Perhaps you have wondered what has happened to such ones and also if there is any hope for them." (Allow for response.) Turn to Story 92, pointing out the picture that shows what Jesus was doing. Then read the last paragraph in the story. Conclude by saying: "This publication is designed for young and old alike, to help us all better appreciate the love and concern that God has for us. We are offering it on a contribution of $2.00."

10 While we will be featuring the *Bible Stories* book in our field service during the month of May, it may be good for us to carry other publications that we can offer to householders if they decline the current offer.

11 Many parents have found *My Book of Bible Stories* helpful in teaching and discussing the truth with their children. Have you been reading it with your children? We encourage you to do so.

12 Truly our thanks go to Jehovah for providing us with such a marvelous instrument that we can use in aiding all kinds of people. —Matt. 9:36-38.

Use Your Gifts Well

1 How does Jehovah feel about your faithful heartfelt service? He generously rewards those who extend themselves in serving him. Past history of faithful men and women verifies this. Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; Rom. 4:3), Rahab (Josh. 2; 6:25; Matt. 1:5) and Phinehas (Num. 25:10-13) were among those who received such rewards.

2 Abraham, Rahab and Phinehas are remembered for their acts of faith and obedience. Is this not what Jehovah expects of us? Yes. And, how thankful we are that Jehovah is a God of appreciation. Whatever gifts we possess and use in properly serving Him are acceptable. Notice was taken of the widow who could only give two small coins. (Luke 21:3) The requirement in ancient Israel for sacrificial gifts to Jehovah was according to what a person was able to give.—Deut. 16:17.

3 Likewise, today, we all possess different abilities that can be used in telling the good news to others. Our circumstances in life differ and this, too, affects how much we are able to do. As in the past, it is not always great things that individuals do that accomplish the preaching and teaching. (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 13:10) Rather, in cooperation with the whole association of brothers, it is our willing and diligent use of what we do have that counts. Our using to the full the gifts we have, combined with the activity of all our brothers, brings rich rewards from Jehovah's hand. This has been our experience in serving Jehovah, has it not? So, we have reason to appreciate how Jehovah uses our abilities, whether small or great, to his praise.

4 Some do very well in store-to-store work or street work. Others have had excellent results in house-to-house work. Informal witnessing is a field in which much good is also being accomplished. Share to the extent that you can in any and all of these privileges. Use your gifts well, whatever they may be, as you work closely with your brothers in the congregation.

5 For example, one older, foreign-speaking couple does especially well in the magazine work from house to house. They place hundreds of magazines a month. As they return with new magazines from week to week, they take particular note of those who show interest. To help cultivate much of the interest they have found, others in the congregation have used their gifts in making return visits and starting studies.

6 Continue to develop your abilities in presenting the good news in various ways. As long as we live, there will be more to learn as well as opportunities to make progress. As you strive to improve your abilities, do not become discouraged if you cannot do as well as others in some feature of service. Rejoice in what you are able to do and use your gifts well.

7 Jehovah finds pleasure in his servants who are happy and rejoice in doing his will. So let us continue to offer ourselves willingly in his service and find delight in using our gifts to Jehovah's honor and praise.—Ps. 110:3.

Unsolicited Correspondence

Some brothers and sisters are receiving letters from individuals in other countries whom they do not personally know. Many of these people claim to be Jehovah's Witnesses, but often they have been found to be impostors, seeking to take advantage of the brothers for personal gain. Such correspondence may ask for material or financial aid, as well as Bibles and literature of the Society. It would be advisable for anyone receiving such correspondence to forward it to the Society's office in Brooklyn, and it will be either handled or forwarded to the appropriate branch for attention.

It is always good to be alert to the activities of impostors, whether they be in our own country or elsewhere. Your cooperation in this regard will be very much appreciated.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the "Choosing" Book

1 Many sincere persons would like to find the way to happy life with peace, contentment and assurance of a secure future. Of course, many question if this is possible. And even if it is, they feel that to choose the course that would lead to such a life is almost impossible because there are so many different views.

2 Can we help these people? Thanks to Jehovah and his organization, we can. The direction needed by all people living today is in the Scriptures and much of it is pointed to in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life,* which we will be offering during the month of June.

3 What points in the book could you direct an interested person to? Are there certain paragraphs or whole chapters that were particularly impressive to you? Show them to those you speak with in the witness work. It may be that the same points will appeal to them and your heartfelt expressions will be encouraging and motivating.

4 Since so many desire a happier life, you might say, "Many persons who are interested in improving their way of life have turned to religion. But many of these are still unhappy. Have you observed this? Why do you think this is so? [Allow for comment.] I found this comment very interesting. [Read page 8, paragraph 8 up to Matthew 7:23.] That puts quite a challenge before sincere people who want to identify Christ's disciples, doesn't it? Notice this portion of paragraph 9. [Read first three sentences.] Doesn't that sound appealing? This is what Jesus promised at Mark 10:29, 30. [Read.] Such a time of international brotherhood will be earth wide. This new book, *Choosing the Best Way of Life,* will help you learn more about God's promises. I encourage you to accept a copy. It can be yours for 50c."

5 You may want to read 2 Peter 3:13, then refer to the *Choosing* book and read page 148, paragraph 1 or a portion of it before offering the book.

6 If a person questions God's waiting so long before doing something to better man's situation, you may wish to follow up your reading of 2 Peter 3:13 with a reference to page 186, paragraph 22. There you will note that divine patience is stressed and encouragement is given for us to likewise show patience. You could ask the householder, "Is it not true that patience is a quality that most of us need to develop? Such patience can be developed with the help of God's Word and this publication."

7 There are many fine points in the *Choosing* book. Feel free to use whatever portions touch your heart. There is fine information on respect for authority, the payment of taxes, employer-employee relationships, wifely subjection, the balanced view of adornment, the benefits of showing a Christlike spirit and reasons for not retaliating. May Jehovah bless your zealous and wholehearted use of this publication as you endeavor to help others in 'choosing the best way of life.'

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ For the first time Italy has passed the 80,000 mark in publishers with 81,828 reporting during January. Over 56,000 home Bible studies were conducted and the congregation publishers averaged 12 hours in the service.

◆ France reported a new peak in publishers during January with 68,682 sharing in the disciple-making work. This is a 6 percent increase over last year's average.

◆ Brazil enjoyed a 5 percent increase during January and a new peak in publishers—107,251. For the first five months of the service year, 2,503 have already been baptized and over 68,000 home Bible studies are currently being conducted.

◆ Japan had an outstanding report for the month of January. A new peak in publishers was reached with 52,774 participating in the evangelizing work. This is a 10 percent increase over last year's average. Congregation publishers spent over 15 hours in the service during the month. Twenty-six percent of the total publishers shared in some form of the pioneer service during the month.

◆ In the Ivory Coast, a new peak of 1,322 publishers averaged over 10 hours in January and conducted over 1,600 home Bible studies.

◆ Over 4,000 pioneers in 120 circuits in the United States enjoyed attending the Pioneer Service School during April. During the month of August another 120 circuits will host the school and the final classes for 1980 are to be held in December. Approximately 10,000 pioneers are scheduled to benefit from this schooling in 1980.

Announcements

● Literature offer:

May: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.00.

June: *Choosing the Best Way of Life* for 50c.

July: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three free, 32-page booklets to new subscribers.

August: Any two 50-cent books for $1.00. This does not include *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth* or *School Guidebook*. If your congregation has any of the 384-page books in stock, make a special effort to place them during August.

● If there are any brothers in the congregation who are interested in Bethel service, it would be appreciated if one of the elders would sit down with them and review the information on Bethel Service. (See page 6.)

● New Publications Available:

Commentary on the Letter of James —Dutch, Portuguese
Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation? —Vietnamese
Life Does Have a Purpose —Papiamento, Romanian
Making Your Family Life Happy —Danish, Norwegian
My Book of Bible Stories —Cebuano, Cibemba, Greek, Iloko, Korean, Papiamento
1980 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses —Finnish
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Maltese
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —Arabic
Study Questions for the book *Is This Life All There Is?* —Chinese, Ukrainian
Unseen Spirits—Do They Help Us? Or Do They Harm Us? —Twi, Yoruba
The Good News According to John (Cassette recordings) —Portuguese

● As announced in the February 1978, *Our Kingdom Service,* slips to leave at the doors of householders not at home are available. From time to time the theme of these slips is changed. When congregations order, the Society will send what is currently available. Please order the Not Home Slip on the regular Literature Order Blank in the space where it is currently described as Not-at-Home Folder.

● The Society has made arrangements to begin producing a monthly edition of *The Watchtower* in Vietnamese beginning with the July 1, 1980, issue. Congregations desiring copies of this edition should promptly submit a Distributors' Order blank to: Watchtower, Wallkill, N.Y. 12589. Subscriptions may also be submitted for this new, monthly edition.

● The Society now has available in grade-two English Braille the books *Choosing the Best Way of Life* and *Commentary on the Letter of James*. These publications may be obtained on a free loan basis or purchased and kept permanently. The *Choosing* book is in four volumes and costs $5.00, and the *Commentary on James* is in five volumes and costs $6.25. The proper remittance should accompany orders to purchase these Braille publications. All orders for Braille publications should be directed to the Society's Braille Desk. They should not be included on congregation literature orders, nor should Braille publications be stocked by the congregation.

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 2-8
Witnessing to All We Meet

1. How do you approach people on the street?
2. How would you start a conversation with a person at work?
3. How could you use magazines while on vacation or traveling to the convention?

JUNE 9-15
Using the "Choosing" Book

1. What points do you feature in your presentations?
2. Why develop these points when following up interest?
3. How can the book be used to help young people?

JUNE 16-22
Using Magazines

1. Why read the magazines before offering them in the field?
2. What have you enjoyed in the current issues?
3. Discuss points in "Awake!" feature, "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?"

JUNE 23-29
Group Witnessing

1. What are the benefits of group witnessing?
2. How can children in the group be assisted?
3. What should be done with the group's house-to-house records?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Promise of Something New.—2 Pet. 3:13; Isa. 65:17.

Keeping a Balanced View of Our Service

[1] Spiritual balance is a desirable Christian quality. Being balanced means we are able to weigh or compare the relative weight, force, importance or value of something. With balance, we can avoid the pitfalls, extremes and mistakes that adversely affect our service to Jehovah. It comes as a result of acquiring the wisdom taught by Bible principles. (Prov. 2:10-15; 3:5, 6) Study and application of such principles help us to develop "perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong." (Heb. 5:14) A person who has acquired good spiritual balance as a Christian strives to demonstrate moderation, modesty, patience, self-control, discernment, faithfulness, endurance and dependability in all that he does. Such a person usually gets more done, finds greater joy in his service and will endure despite difficulty. All of us do well to cultivate this fine quality.

STRIVING FOR BALANCE

[2] We often find individuals involved in secular work to the point where they maintain only a token share in field service. What is the purpose of secular work? (1 Tim. 5:8) What would give evidence that we have become unbalanced? (Luke 12:18-21) What is the proper viewpoint? (Matt. 6:31-33) How can we keep a balance between secular and spiritual responsibilities?—1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5, 15.

[3] Today's society puts much emphasis on entertainment and personal pleasure. If not careful, we too could be affected by this influence and become excessively involved in such pursuits. Is it wrong to enjoy ourselves? (Eccl. 3:12, 13) When have we gone too far? (2 Tim. 3:4) What principles can help us decide what type or amount of entertainment is appropriate?—Phil. 4:8; 1 Tim. 4:8; Eph. 5:15, 16; Luke 8:14.

[4] Many problems are being experienced in caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the family. A father may be very active in preaching the good news while his children's conduct is poor at the Kingdom Hall. Or a wife who is meticulously concerned about the physical appearance of her home shows only a minimal regard for the spiritual needs of her family. What two basic responsibilities are involved? (Eph. 6:4; Rom. 10:10) Why should concern for the spiritual interests of the family rate high on the list of priorities?

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Benefits of Group Witnessing

[1] Do you often work alone in field service? Very few of us do. It is more encouraging to have someone either working with us at the door or working in the same territory. As one publisher remarked: "Just knowing that there is someone close by helps." Starting out in field service with a happy group makes service all the more enjoyable.

[2] Group witnessing is not new. Luke chapter 10 relates to us the joy that the disciples experienced when working together. It should be noted that before sending out the 70, Jesus first gave them instructions. From his example we see why it is good, in most cases, to meet together prior to going out in field service.—Luke 10:1-16.

[3] Recently in *Our Kingdom Service* there was a series of articles explaining the importance of helping one another. Are we still putting these fine suggestions into practice? As an "association of brothers," we all want to help one another. (1 Pet. 2:17) Reports show that in many congregations there is a good response to the special arrangements for field service on the first Sunday of the month. Some elders say that this arrangement has drawn the congregation closer together. Where morning meetings are held, some publishers bring their lunch and then go out in field service before returning home. We are happy to receive these fine reports. They should encourage all of us to continue taking advantage of local arrangements for group witnessing.

[4] Meeting together for field service and working with the group give us the opportunity to work with new publishers as well as those who are more experienced. Elders and ministerial servants can get better acquainted with the

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JUNE 1

18 min: Song 9. Convention coordinator reviews information from previous letters, as well as appropriate information on pages 31 and 32 of the May 15, 1980, *Watchtower* on the "Divine Love" District Convention. Also Announcements.

12 min: Showing "Divine Love." Encourage congregation to take advantage of informal witnessing while traveling to and from the convention. Is preparation important for informal witnessing to be successful? Why? What literature would be good to take along? Demonstrate: (1) Witnessing to a gasoline station attendant and/or a waitress, (2) another situation appropriate for your area. (See the January, 1980, *Our Kingdom Service* for additional information on informal witnessing.)

22 min: "Keeping a Balanced View of Our Service." Discuss article with congregation highlighting principles in scriptures cited.

8 min: Review field service arrangements for the weekend. Song 27 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 8

8 min: Song 20 and local announcements.

20 min: Getting the Most from Our Bible Reading. (To be handled by school overseer.) Family group on stage discusses their study needs. All agree that they have been negligent about weekly Bible reading assignment. Different family members volunteer variety of excuses. The father acknowledges that all have busy schedules and need to be determined to stick with a practical weekly schedule. Second Timothy 3:16, 17 is read and the question is asked: How important is it for us to read the Bible? All agree that it has many far-reaching benefits and is well worth the time. How can we include it in our schedule? A portion could be read at mealtimes. Eliminating just one half-hour TV program a week might be enough. Any other suggestions by the family are discussed. (Chairman interrupts to discuss with the audience suggestions they may have. Then asks audience how they have benefited from regular reading of the Bible. Comments from the audience could include new things learned, such as greater appreciation for Bible truths, more insight into the meaning by understanding the context, better clarification of Bible principles and their application, and so forth.) Family expresses their determination to keep up with the Bible reading, not just out of a sense of duty, but because it is enjoyable and rewarding. It serves for their spiritual upbuilding.

15 min: Talk on article "Step Over into Macedonia and Help."

12 min: "A Good Report." (Prov. 25:25) (To be handled by the secretary.) Joy and encouragement were experienced when many new ones first joined the Christian faith. (Acts 4:1-4) We too are encouraged by their service reports. Our reports likewise bring praise. (1) What good results has the congregation experienced in helping those who attended the Memorial? What is still being done? (Inviting them to the district convention, and so forth.) (2) Discuss congregation report. Commend the congregation. Mention any problems congregation may be having in reporting field service. Select helpful information found in Question Box of September, 1979, *Our Kingdom Service.*

5 min: Song 42 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 15

10 min: Song 49, local announcements and reading of accounts report.

25 min: Philippians—A Book of Encouragement and Guidance for Christians. (Chairman should read entire book of Philippians in preparation, taking particular note of principles that would be most applicable to situations we face today. In discussion with congregation, encourage personal application. The following questions may be asked as time permits:) What are some of the more important things to which we should give attention? (1:9, 10) What reason do we have for joy even when others speak against the truth? (1:15-18) What can prayer accomplish? (1:19) What is a strong reason why we should not fear our enemies, while striving for unity with our brothers? (1:27, 28) What lasting benefit comes from humility? (2:5-11) Why is it proper to give Jehovah credit for good health? (2:27) What is a balanced view to take toward our own progress in the truth and that of others? (3:16) When human governments make unreasonable demands of us, what is it good to remember? (3:20) Even though surrounded by anxiety, how can we be content and at peace in our hearts? (4:6, 7) We will surely prosper if we give attention to what qualities? (4:8)

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Magazines." Questions and answers. Highlight our Scriptural responsibility to keep declaring the good news at every opportunity. Point up value of using *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* whenever possible. (As time permits, include several brief and practical demonstrations on most effective ways magazines can be placed in varied situations in your local territory.)

7 min: Song 33 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 22

12 min: Song 14, Theocratic News, Question Box and local announcements.

15 min: "Benefits of Group Witnessing." Questions and answers. Also include comments from audience as to why they enjoy group witnessing.

10 min: "Beware of Imputing Wrong Motives to Others." A warm, kind talk given by an elder. Material taken from April 1, 1980, *Watchtower,* pages 12-15.

18 min: Interviews on how some came into the truth. Use variety showing how the truth has appeal to (1) younger ones, (2) older folks, (3) family groups, and (4) one whose mate did not approve of associating with the Witnesses. If needed, see *Watch Tower Publications Index,* under heading "Field Service" (experiences).

5 min: Song 56 and prayer.

Group Witnessing *(Cont'd)*

brothers and sisters while working with them in the field. It affords a fine opportunity for all to share in encouraging one another.

5 Meeting with the group need not take much time. Usually groups can be organized and started out in service within 10 or 15 minutes. The service overseer should be alert to help brothers overcome problems with organizing the groups so that more time can be spent in the field.

6 Group witnessing can also be arranged during the week. Many of the sisters are taking advantage of this. Also, most of the pioneers are out in field service on weekdays. By working with the pioneers you will receive encouragement and, in turn, you can be encouraging to them. Youths, now that school will be closed for the summer, why don't you plan on spending some of your vacation time sharing in this midweek group witnessing?

7 Some have commented that there is an increasing number of people that are not at home during the week. We encourage you to continue keeping accurate house-to-house records so that either you or those who engage in field service during evening hours or on weekends can try calling on the not-at-homes. With the coming of the summer months, would it not be good to make definite arrangements for evening group witnessing? Some of the elders and the ministerial servants may be able to meet with the group on an evening that would be convenient for the congregation. Since evenings generally seem to be the best time to find people at home, service overseers should explore this possibility.

8 We want to reach as many people as possible with the good news while there is still time available. So, where conditions permit, some publishers may wish to work alone. In other areas, going to the doors alone may not be advisable. Or, a married couple working together may be more effective in talking to people. Also, when young ones are in the group, it may be wise to have an adult publisher work with each child. In every case good judgment coupled with a desire to accomplish the most good should govern the arrangements we make.

9 We wish to commend all of you for the fine work that you have been doing in the preaching activity. We are seeing good increases in the number of new ones sharing in the work and this makes us all happy. May Jehovah continue to "send out workers into his harvest."—Luke 10:2.

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"Step Over into Macedonia and Help"

1 Most of us are familiar with the above-quoted words and the circumstances that surround them. (Acts 16:6-10) Paul and Barnabas loved people. Their willingness to give of themselves was evident by their actions. We see that same willingness among Jehovah's servants today. (Ps. 110:3) Many of you have moved into congregations so that you can help in working seldom-covered territories and be a source of encouragement. We are sure that, like Paul and Barnabas, those who have done this have been richly blessed.

2 We should not think that moving to serve where the need is greater is only for elders and pioneers. Oftentimes the Society receives letters from circuit overseers and congregations requesting families to move in to add support, as well as help in working territory.

3 The right motive is most important in deciding to make a move to serve where the need is greater. Our reason for moving should be one of wanting to be of help. A brother, who with his wife and son has spent many years serving in congregations needing help, commented that it is often necessary to lower your living standards. "Don't try to change the congregation to suit your personal likes," he said, "but work with it, relying on Jehovah for work, housing, and so forth. Be willing to accept what He provides." Good suggestions!

4 Also keep in mind that in most areas where help is needed, secular work is often scarce, the cost of housing and other basic necessities may be expensive or weather conditions could be extreme. Much prayerful thought should be given before moving. Count the cost. (Luke 14:28) It is important to turn to Jehovah, as a family, asking for his direction and guidance. And it will be important for each member of the family to support the arrangement. Are you willing to make sacrifices and adjustments in your lives?

5 What should you do if you decide to move to a new congregation? First, review what is stated in the *Organization* book on pages 134 and 135. Then write a letter and give it to the service committee. They, in turn, will send it to the Society.

6 In addition to what is mentioned in the *Organization* book, please let the Society know if you have in mind a certain part of the country where you would like to serve. We will send you names and addresses so you may obtain additional information you need by writing directly to the congregation(s). It might be mentioned that Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington have a limited need.

7 There are a number of foreign language congregations that have needs. If you can speak another language and are in a position to move, please correspond with the Society, as indicated in paragraph four, and tell us which languages you speak.

8 With the remaining time of this old system running out, how good it is if we can be of help to our brothers and other honest-hearted people who are still thirsting for the truth. Our prayers are with you in this important matter. May Jehovah provide his guidance as we all work in boldly preaching the good news.—Acts 4:29.

Balanced View *(Cont'd)*

(1 Tim. 3:4, 5; Prov. 10:1) What good benefits result when parents are well balanced?—Prov. 24:3, 4.

5 From time to time, some find it difficult to maintain the initiative necessary to share regularly and wholeheartedly in field service. When they do participate, to some extent they may feel that they are forcing themselves. Thereafter they may tend to become discouraged and frustrated because of what seems to be a serious lack in themselves. Is it something unusual for a Christian to sometimes lack initiative to do the work assigned? (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 7:19, 20) Is a need to force ourselves necessarily a sign of failure? (1 Cor. 9:16, 26, 27) Our service to Jehovah is acceptable if our motive is right. (Col. 3:23, 24) It is appropriate to ask Jehovah for his spirit to help us develop greater initiative to act in harmony with his will.—1 John 5:14.

6 The key to good balance lies in viewing ourselves honestly, expecting neither too much nor too little. We are balanced when our service is commensurate with our abilities, circumstances and opportunities, rather than judged in comparison with what others do. When we detect a lack in ourselves, a desire to please Jehovah should prompt us to do better. Satisfaction and peace of mind are the result of an inward assurance that we are pleasing Jehovah.

Announcements

● Literature offer for June: *Choosing* book on contribution of 50c. For July: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three 32-page booklets given free to new subscribers. August: Two 50-cent books for $1.00. For September: Tract and a 50-cent book. (For book offers during August and September do not use *Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth* or *School Guidebook*. If your congregation has any of the 384-page books in stock, make a special effort to place them.)

● You may order the 1979 *Watch Tower Publications Index* immediately. The cost is 25c each. Individuals please order through congregation.

● Please note the following price changes that take effect June 1, 1980.

Annual, paperback *Watch Tower Publications Index* for the years 1976, 1977, 1978	From 10c to 25c
Brown, hardcover *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1961-1965	From 50c to $1.00

TO THE CONGREGATION SECRETARY: Please study carefully the information on the inventory form that will be sent to each congregation with the May statement. All paper-covered indexes up to and including 1974 should be deleted from the Progressive Inventory of Literature and removed from stock on June 1, 1980, AFTER AN ACTUAL COUNT IS TAKEN. List only the quantities of the indexes affected by the price increase and those to be removed from stock.

● In preparation for the dramas to be presented at the "Divine Love" District Conventions, it is suggested that all read the following Bible accounts: Genesis chapters 22; 25:19-34; 26:34–27:40; 1 Samuel chapters 21, 22 and 26; 2 Samuel chapters 11, 12, 15–18 and 24; 1 Kings chapter 1; 2 Chronicles chapters 17–20.

● Due to the rising cost of paper and postage, as of June 1 it will be necessary to charge $2.00 a thousand for handbills.

● All regular and special pioneers on the list for six months at the time of the district convention may receive $14.00 worth of convention tickets and any free releases by showing their Pioneer Identification and Assignment card to a designated cashier and the bookroom respectively. Those in circuit, district and Bethel service have received a 1980 Convention Identification card for this purpose.

● Congregations will schedule a 30-minute review of things learned at the district convention. This meeting will be held the week following the convention your congregation is scheduled to attend as outlined in the 2/80 *Our Kingdom Service* insert. Each congregation book study should be assigned a specific day (or days) of the convention, being ready to highlight beneficial things learned.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Making Your Family Life Happy:*

June 1:	Pages 168* to 174*
June 8:	Pages 174* to 180
June 15:	Pages 181 to 190
June 22:	Review pages 5 to 96
June 29:	Review pages 97 to 190

* To or from subheading.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Magazines

1 The Christian congregation has been assigned the responsibility of spreading the good news "to the most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) From its inception, all members were taught and trained with a view to sharing in that work. They all rejoiced when the success of their efforts was reported. "The word of Jehovah went on growing and spreading." "The word of Jehovah went on being carried throughout the whole country." "All those inhabiting the district of Asia heard the word of the Lord." "In a mighty way the word of Jehovah kept growing and prevailing."—Acts 12:24; 13:49; 19:10, 20.

2 As members of the modern Christian congregation, our assignment has not changed. It is still God's will that "all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth." (1 Tim. 2:4) We have a responsibility to 'handle the word of truth aright' by spreading it far and wide, making it available to as many as possible. With the help of Jehovah's spirit, the honest-hearted ones will be gathered. Today, we rejoice to report that the word of truth is being carried "to the most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are playing a large and vital role in getting that done.

MAGAZINES SPREAD THE TRUTH QUICKLY

3 A key to success is being able to speak the word "at the right time for it." (Prov. 25:11) Most people are not inclined to pause and listen when we call, but a magazine left in the home might later be available at just "the right time."

4 A college student was impressed by an article he read in *Awake!* A return visit the next week resulted in his attendance at a circuit assembly then in progress and the starting of a Bible study. One woman slammed the door in the face of a Witness, but later her husband, who was receptive, accepted two magazines from that same Witness. On a return visit, the woman answered the door, humbly apologized, asked many questions and right away agreed to a Bible study. A brother left some magazines in a car he sold and the new owner later contacted him to learn more about what he had read. While riding the train, someone came across two copies of the magazines. After reading them he wrote for both subscriptions and later began to study. Another person explained that she had visited many different religions to find out what the Bible teaches about hell. Her questions were finally answered one day in a store where she accidentally picked up a sheet of paper torn from an *Awake!* magazine. An elderly person found a *Watchtower* in a stack of newspapers and thereafter searched at great length until she located Witnesses who were able to tell her more.

5 Much thought is given to the contents of the magazines with emphasis on providing information that is Scripturally based, relevant to the times and practical for current needs. As an example, the *Awake!* has been featuring "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?" This feature in the June 8 issue deals with the subject, "Is Faith in God Realistic in Our Modern World?" while the June 22 issue answers the question, "Can Young Folks Find Security Today?" Expanded printing capabilities have made it possible to enhance the appeal of the magazines to the eye as well as the mind. Discussions of a wide range of Bible-related subjects offer something of spiritual value to people of all walks of life.

6 Appreciating what the magazines can do in helping us fulfill our God-given assignment, should we not look for ways to get more of them into the hands of people who may be searching for the truth? It is certainly appropriate to carry them with us in all features of service, offering them to anyone who might be inclined to read them. Placing a subscription may help someone cultivate a growing interest in the Bible. Many publishers have found that appreciative readers will readily take new issues of the magazines on a regular basis. Those who enjoy doing street work or calling on business people with the magazines report that a friendly, tactful approach elicits good response and results in many placements. The magazines are especially helpful in starting conversations in informal witnessing. By carrying a supply when traveling to the district conventions, you may enjoy many rewarding experiences by offering them to business people who provide services for travelers and tourists.

7 Who knows how many more sincere people will hear the message and eventually declare, "It is the truth!" (Isa. 43:9) If we do the best we can, none can complain that they failed to hear because there was no one to preach. (Rom. 10:14) Our joy of accomplishment will be even greater if we can help get copies of the magazines into otherwise inaccessible places where their pages can convey the truth "at the right time" and in a manner that will reach honest hearts.

ORDER SEPTEMBER TRACT NOW

The literature offer for September will feature a new "Kingdom News" tract along with a book. In past campaigns the Society has printed and shipped tracts at no charge to the congregations. However, due to drastic increases in paper and shipping costs, and the expense of obtaining new printing equipment, it is not possible for us to subsidize the tract distribution this year. Therefore, the congregations are being asked to contribute $3.60 per 1200 tracts. Please determine your needs and order in lots of 1200 using the S-14 Literature Order Blank. Your order should be in Brooklyn by June 6, 1980.

Question Box

● What should be kept in mind to insure good reading at congregation meetings and who should be used to read from the Society's publications at such meetings?

Those assigned to do public reading from the Society's publications such as *The Watchtower, Commentary on James, Our Kingdom Service,* and so forth, at congregation meetings should manifest the needed qualities of good readers. These qualities include proper emphasis, sufficient volume, well-placed pauses, correct pronunciation, and so forth. (See *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook,* pages 30 and 31.) Effective reading on behalf of a group is necessary. Otherwise, those listening will miss the full import of what is being read and will fail to act upon the information. For these reasons those who are assigned to read at congregation meetings should take to heart the apostle Paul's words at 1 Timothy 4:13: "Continue applying yourself to public reading, to exhortation, to teaching."

Elders, ministerial servants and other qualified, baptized brothers should be used when such are available. If no baptized brother in the congregation is able to read in such a way as to benefit spiritually those in attendance, the one presiding may read the paragraphs himself or sisters who read well may be used. Also please see Question Box in the July, 1977, *Our Kingdom Service.*

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	626	127.3	82.8	49.5	5.0
Pios.	16,602	85.6	60.1	34.6	3.6
Aux. Pios.	14,636	60.6	41.1	20.6	1.8
Pubs.	514,830	8.4	8.1	4.0	.5
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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 30–JULY 6
When Is It Appropriate

1. To try to get invited in? (How do you do it?)
2. Not to go in?
3. To leave?

JULY 7-13
Why Is Prayer Important

1. When going house-to-house?
2. When in difficult territory?
3. When making return visits?

JULY 14-20
Why Should We Avoid

1. Congregating in territory?
2. Being boisterous between doors?
3. Knocking too loud or long?

JULY 21-27
How Do You Respond To

1. "I have that publication"?
2. "We get the same at church"?
3. "I only use the Bible"?

JULY 28–AUGUST 3
Why Is It Important To

1. Speak with proper volume?
2. Look at householder?
3. Use neat Bible, literature?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Reason and Remedy for World Woes.—Rev. 12:12; Rom. 16:20.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life:*

July 6: Pages 5 to 12*
July 13: Pages 12* to 20*
July 20: Pages 20* to 28
July 27: Pages 29 to 36*

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* To or from subheading.

Are You Proving What Your Own Work Is?

1 The human body is marvelously designed to work. And what a variety of work it is capable of performing! Have you not wondered at how the eyes, the hands, the nerves, ligaments and muscles all function harmoniously when you swing a hammer at a nail, sew with a needle and thread or write a word with a pen? The cooperation of body parts is so smooth, so complete in carrying out each command sent out by our remarkable brain!—Ps. 139:14.

2 Paul uses the human body as an illustration of how the Christian congregation should perform its God-given work assignment. In 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, Paul likens each one in the congregation to a member of Christ's body. He highlights the love, unity and cooperation among them as they work at preaching the good news and make disciples of Jesus Christ, the head of the congregation. (1 Cor. 12:12) Although one body organ may perform a function different from another, each nevertheless makes a contribution to what the body as a whole is doing. (Rom. 12:4-8) We may take Christ's spiritual body as an illustration for us to follow today.

ESTEEM YOUR PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE

3 What is your sphere of activity within the Christian congregation? Whatever it is, do you esteem it highly? Jehovah does! You may feel at times that you are a "weaker" one or that the part you play in the congregation is a "less honorable" one. Limitations caused by poor health, age or other circumstances may cause you to feel this way. Whatever the case, it is good to view matters as Jehovah does. His Word tells us: "But much rather is it the case that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary, and the parts . . . we think to be less honorable, these we surround with more abundant honor. . . . Nevertheless, God compounded the body, giving honor more abundant to the part which had a lack."—1 Cor. 12:22-24.

4 Viewing matters from this standpoint, all of us can work whole-souled in spite of our limitations, knowing that Jehovah makes up for any lack we may have. The point is, are our efforts contributing to the great preaching and teaching work now being accomplished by God's con-

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Have You Served as a Pioneer in the Past?

1 In the United States alone there are on record the names of some 75,000 publishers who have served as regular pioneers in the past, but who are not pioneering at present! Are you one of them? If so, we venture to say that you look back on that time as one of the happiest periods of your life. Do you recall what a pleasure it was to speak with people about Jehovah and his kingdom almost *every day* in field service? Do you recall the feeling you had *frequently* as you saw the faces of interested persons light up in response to your explanation of Kingdom blessings? Do you recall, too, how skilled you had become in your use of the Bible?

2 It is true that you still experience those joys as a congregation publisher, but probably not to the extent you did as a pioneer. Jesus said: "My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit." The full-time service truly offers abundant opportunity to 'bear *much* fruit.'—John 15:8.

MORE PIONEERS NEEDED

3 Has the need for pioneers lessened since you left the ranks? To the contrary! The quickening pace of events calls for more and more workers as the end of this system approaches. It reminds us of what happens when men harvesting a field of grain see a heavy rainstorm approaching over the horizon. As the lightning flashes and the thunder claps, they work feverishly to get the crop in before the storm strikes. Jesus said: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few." (Matt. 9:37) As the storm of the "great tribulation" approaches, over 113,000 persons responded to the work of the harvesters and got baptized last year! Does that not add emphasis to Jesus' words!

4 How many more honest-hearted persons will respond to our message and learn God's righteous requirements for survival? We do not know. But Jehovah is still drawing honest-hearted people to himself, and as he does, we have

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

Note: No service meeting is being planned for the week of July 13 to allow an open week for attending a district convention. This open week can be shifted to the actual week you attend a district convention in June, July or August. The program during the week that congregations attend a convention should be transferred to the week of July 13. The week of July 20 is set aside for reviewing the highlights of things learned at the district convention. This program may be shifted to the appropriate week.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 29

15 min: Song 34. Announcements and local announcements. Introduce next part.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—To Reach the Heart." Discuss article. Have Topic for Conversation and three or four key words shown on chalkboard, if available. Have pioneer or capable publisher demonstrate presentation, interrupting at intervals to discuss key words with audience. Highlight value of mental outline, speaking extemporaneously to reach heart of householder. Introduce next part.

20 min: Talk on "Youth—Ward Off Calamity!—Eccl. 11:10." Include comments from youths in congregation on problems encountered at school and how they keep themselves from such. Also comment on how they can make wise use of time during summer vacations.

5 min: Song 97 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 6

10 min: Song 45. Local announcements. Discuss June field service report. Commend for work done, highlighting fact that it was part of our sacrifices of praise. Stress any outstanding aspects of the report.

15 min: "Are You Proving What Your Own Work Is?" Question-and-answer discussion. Use five minutes of allotted time for a short talk by an elder on how those who serve in various capacities in the congregation unite their efforts to accomplish the overall purpose of the congregation, namely preaching and making disciples. Introduce next part.

15 min: Children Can Share the Good News. Discuss opportunities open to children to share the good news. Some study with relatives, schoolmates, teachers. Have young publisher demonstrate how a study may be offered. Let child age 8 to 12 demonstrate study in the *Bible Stories* book with two other children. Use lesson 94. Introduce next part.

15 min: "Have You Served as a Pioneer in the Past?" Talk and interview. Use 10 minutes to cover points and then interview some who have pioneered in the past. (If none have regular or special pioneered, use those who auxiliary pioneered in past.) Introduce brother assigned the concluding part.

5 min: Song 25 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 13

Week for attending district convention. (*See note* at top of page.)

WEEK STARTING JULY 20

30 min: Song 19 and local announcements. Chairman: Review highlights of things learned at district convention. (See note at top of page.) Assign book study groups to relate what they learned from program on certain days of the convention as mentioned under Announcements in June 1980 *Our Kingdom Service.*

30 min: How the "Divine Love" District Convention Has Helped Me. Chairman: Interview family heads, wives, teen-agers and children asking how the convention has helped them. As time permits, call on audience to express their feelings. Song 108 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 27

7 min: Song 71. Accounts report and local announcements.

20 min: "Let Your Light Shine." (*w80* 6/1 pp. 8-10) Elder conducts question-and-answer session similar to method normally used for *Watchtower* study. If practical, may conduct this with group of pioneers and auxiliary pioneers (or those who have pioneered in the past) on platform. Emphasize paragraph dealing with 2 Corinthians 5:10, 11, and the following paragraph to show seriousness of doing all we can in preaching work. If any have had outstanding experiences, started studies, and so forth, let them relate such when second paragraph on page 10 is considered. End with appeal to those now out of school for summer and others who can do so to use summer month(s) to share in auxiliary pioneer work.

13 min: "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?" Qualified brother discusses advantage of this feature found in most issues of *Awake!* Deals with thought-provoking questions. (Mention some recent subjects under this heading.) Householder's interest captured easily. Provides ready-made presentation suitable for magazine work. Large, bold print makes it easy to give presentation right from magazine. Minimum of preparation needed to be effective. A real help for (a) newer ones sharing in house-to-house work, (b) younger ones and (c) those who have had little opportunity to prepare.

Demonstrate use of this feature in simple, direct way. Publisher introduces self and then asks: "Have you ever wondered if it is right to talk to others about religion?" (Allow response.) Bring out July 22 issue of *Awake!* and open to first article. "That is the question posed in the first article of this issue of *Awake!* Note what this first paragraph brings out." (Read.) "I'm sure you will find the points presented in the rest of this article unusual and interesting. We leave it with a companion magazine for just 20 cents." Householder accepts.

Ask audience for further comments on how they have used this feature of *Awake!* and how it has helped them in the magazine work. Introduce next part.

15 min: "When You See These Things Occurring . . . "—Luke 21:31. Jesus and Bible writers gave us a sign and a preview of world conditions that would prevail during "last days." Even attitudes of people were predicted. (2 Tim. 3:1-5) What do we see happening currently, relating to these things foretold, that we might use in conversations with people in our territory? In Luke chapter 21 Jesus mentioned international turmoil (vs. 10); earthquakes, pestilences, food shortages, fearful sights (vs. 11); persecution of Christians (vss. 12, 16); literal signs in the heavens and in the sea in this space age (vs. 25); great fear (vs. 26). Invite comments from audience on what has happened locally, nationally and internationally that fits into these foretold events. After discussion, elder could read some news headlines clipped from newspapers or other material to reemphasize the point. Get suggestions from audience on how such information could be used in our conversations with householders. How should we react to world events? (Luke 21:28, 31, 34-36) Brief demonstration of topic to be used during August incorporating a point or two about current events and their meaning. Use of bad events should not be overdone but merely referred to to make a point. Introduce concluding part.

5 min: Song 93 and prayer.

Your Own Work (*Cont'd*)

gregation? We want our work to be for a "beneficial purpose," and never disrupt what the "body," the congregation, is working to accomplish.—Compare 1 Corinthians 12:7.

CAUSE FOR EXULTATION

5 So God is pleased to use us as his fellow workers and he does not compare us with one another in what we do. Rather, he lets each one "prove what his own work is, and then he will have cause for exultation in regard to himself alone, and not in comparison with the other person." (Gal. 6:4) There is an interaction and a coordination between our body parts. One may perform a function that another cannot. Even so, there is an interdependency. One does not work against the other. How beautifully this illustrates the Christian congregation as each one operates within his sphere of activity under the direction of the holy spirit.

6 Are you personally proving that your work unites with that of all the rest of the congregation so that Jehovah's name is honored? If so, you have "cause for exultation." Something that has united all the operations of the body of God's people for more than 100 years is *The Watchtower.* During July the literature offer will be a subscription to *The Watchtower.*

7 Enthusiastically present the *Watchtower* subscription when you engage in the house-to-house work. Also, look for opportunities to informally offer it to workmates, schoolmates, neighbors, salesmen or others. You may have the privilege to be among those who will be offering it as they spend 90 or more hours in the pioneer work. Some who are perhaps infirm or elderly may be able to spend a few hours engaging in street wit-

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Have You Served . . . ? *(Cont'd)*

the grand privilege of being used by him to find and feed them. (Compare John 12:32.) By pioneering one lends oneself to Jehovah in an enlarged way. Yes, we are encouraged to find the sheeplike ones and to *"be at it urgently."*—2 Tim. 4:2.

5 Was it economic circumstances that necessitated your giving up the full-time pioneer service? It is not difficult to understand how this could happen under the pressures of the present system. It may have been family responsibilities that interrupted your pioneer work. If so, that would certainly take priority over full-time service if you are not in a position to accommodate both. Many have left the pioneer ranks due to health problems, and, of course, there are other important reasons why some have had to give up this joyous privilege of service. But circumstances do change. Has this been true in your case?

CAN YOU RETURN?

6 Rarely does one stop pioneering because he wants to. Changes in circumstances cause an interruption of his joyful, full-time service. Was that not true in your case? But on the other hand, are the circumstances that caused you to leave the pioneer ranks still an obstacle? If so, we know you will continue rendering whatever service you can.

7 If you left the pioneer service for economic reasons, have you examined your situation recently and considered the possibility of reentering the full-time service? You will no doubt recall that it took a considerable measure of self-sacrifice and determination for you to enter the pioneer work the first time. Could you make that same noble effort work again?

8 Was it family responsibility that took you out of the pioneer work? Or did you leave because of problems with your health? Were there perhaps other problems of a personal nature? Remembering your life as a pioneer and reflecting on the joys it brought should keep you alert to recognize any change of circumstances that would make it possible for you to pioneer again. If you have kept the pioneer spirit alive, no doubt you continue to work for a change in your personal circumstances that will open the way to resume pioneer service.

9 Pioneering may have to stop temporarily due to any number of problems as we have already indicated, but that does not mean the pioneer spirit is lost. One sister has had to leave the regular pioneer work twice, but is now back on the list for the third time. She stopped the first time for health reasons and the second time because of her child's health. After those problems were resolved and the child started to school, the sister wrote: "I seriously started thinking of pioneering again."

10 Then, too, there is the auxiliary pioneer service that you may share in as your circumstances permit. One sister wrote: "May I take a moment to thank you for the auxiliary pioneer arrangement. I feel this is truly a provision from Jehovah for many who are in my situation. I regularly pioneered in the forties and fifties. Then children came along and I was unable to continue. But since the auxiliary arrangement, I have been able to have a regular part."

11 Have you noticed that the number of regular pioneers has increased rapidly, especially during the past year and a half? Much of this increase has come from the return of former pioneers to the pioneer ranks. Do you at times long to return to that joyful work that brought you so much satisfaction in the past? Why not think it over? Take the matter to Jehovah in prayer. Give careful *thought* to your circumstances as they are now. If you are in a position to reenter the full-time service, why not send us your application.

Youth—Ward Off Calamity!—Eccl. 11:10

1 What makes a person happy and fulfilled? Why, pleasing our heavenly Father, of course! As a young person there is no better time to think seriously about your Creator than now, in the prime of your life. Why? Read what Solomon says at Ecclesiastes 11:10 and 12:1. You will see that the ability to do things wanes during the "calamitous days" of old age.

2 "But what does Jehovah want of me?" you might ask. Some young people feel that God takes a rigid, hard, perhaps even negative view of youthful interests and enthusiasms. They may feel that serving God keeps them from having a good time. But is this really true? Obviously not, especially when we consider such texts as Ecclesiastes 11:9, Proverbs 27:11 and Psalm 103:5. Nevertheless, you need to keep in mind that we are all responsible to Jehovah for our actions. Though allowing freedom of choice, Jehovah will not shield you from the frustration and bitter consequences of pursuing a wrongful course. If you play with fire, you get burned. (Compare Proverbs 6:27, 28.) Yet, by avoiding a reckless, debauched or even a selfish way of life, you can escape all kinds of problems.

3 Do you know persons your own age who are involved in crime, immorality or violence? Are they happy? Do you think they are pleasing Jehovah? In contrast, is it not apparent that young people who are doing Jehovah's will enjoy more secure and happy lives? You might answer, "Yes, but that's easier said than done." True, but many are successfully 'warding off calamity' by setting wholesome goals in life.

4 Many, for example, engage in the auxiliary pioneer service from time to time. Have you tried it? If not, why not discuss with your parents and with the elders the possibility of entering the auxiliary pioneer service this summer? They would no doubt be delighted to help you. The benefits? (1) You will be pleasing Jehovah. (2) You will be using His Word, getting more acquainted with it. (3) You will learn to lean upon Jehovah in prayer, looking to him for results. (4) By giving of yourself in this way, your happiness will be increased. (5) It will give you opportunity to work closely with other zealous ones, cultivating lasting and upbuilding friendships. (6) Finally, whatever you do later in life, you will more likely succeed because of your improved spiritual outlook.—Matt. 6:33.

5 Are you thinking about what you will do when you graduate from school? Have you set any goals for yourself? Maybe you'd like to be successful at a particular secular job. Or you may even be thinking of marriage and having a family. While these goals are not wrong in themselves, would they really allow God the first place in your life? Have you seriously considered going into the regular pioneer work and possibly serving Jehovah in some foreign field as a missionary? Or what about helping us here at Bethel with the production of Bible literature? These are wholesome, worthwhile goals. Work toward the fulfillment of them, ward off calamity, and experience the joys of full-time service.

6 Of course, no one should be forced into doing something against his will. But think of what Solomon wrote under inspiration, that

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To Reach the Heart

1 Righteous-hearted, kindhearted, openhearted, good-hearted—expressions such as these are often used to describe individuals with whom we may speak about God's kingdom and the blessings it will bring. But often in our preaching and teaching activity we have also found persons that appeared to have a bad condition of heart. And then something happened to bring about a change in their heart condition. What may serve to help change a person's heart condition?

2 At times it may be that our kind and warm approach serves as a strong influence. Knowing that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, Jehovah's people continually make efforts to speak forth words of comfort and wisdom. (Luke 6:45) Their hearts overflow with a desire to share what is good with their neighbors.

3 When we speak to others, do we reflect what is in our heart? There are many things involved. One is our sincerity in showing we really are interested in those to whom we are speaking. Another is the conviction we convey that we indeed believe that what God says in his Word is true. Still another is the way we make our presentation of the message. By speaking from the heart we do not give our message by rote, as though it were a recorded announcement. No, we sincerely try *to talk* to the people from our heart. Do we have help in this regard? Consider the following:

4 Each month in *Our Kingdom Service* we have a Topic for Conversation. This suggests that we should not just *talk* to an individual, but as in true conversation also *listen* to what the other person has to say. This proves to be a far better way to get a heart-motivated response. It means his view, or argument, is given consideration as we seek to give an answer for the hope within us. —1 Pet. 3:15.

5 You may say: "But it is so difficult for me to strike up a conversation, for example, in the door-to-door work or in informal witnessing. I almost need to memorize what I will say, as otherwise I forget, and if I let the householder say something, it throws off my whole line of reasoning and I am lost." Do you feel that way at times?

6 For some, a brief word outline is of help. Note this brief topic for conversation: "Hello! Have you ever wondered if there is a *remedy* for the world's woes? [Listen to response.] The *Bible foretold* today's *problems* and the cause. [Read *Revelation 12:12.*] Did you note the one causing the problems? [Listen to response.] That short period of *time is about up* and will be followed by everlasting *peace. Romans 16:20* is comforting in this regard. [Read.]"

7 Did you note the italicized words above? Perhaps with just those words to prompt you, you can start off a conversation with a householder. Of course, after you read the last scripture, the interest shown will help you to determine how much further to carry the conversation. You may draw the person out in further discussion or go right into the literature offer.

8 Bearing in mind the words of the proverb that "Jehovah is making an estimate of hearts," may our heart be shown to be righteous, kind and well-motivated as we present the good news. We can confidently leave the results to Jehovah.—Prov. 21:2.

Youth (*Cont'd*)

"youth and the prime of life are vanity." What lesson does that convey? Simply this: A person does not always remain young. Likewise, the joys and advantages of youthful strength and vigor are uncertain as to their duration. Even young people get sick and die. The youth who ignores this fact may fail to make wise use of what he has, dissipating his physical energies and capabilities in a way of life that can make his adult years more difficult. That is obviously why Solomon wrote what he did at Ecclesiastes 12:1, 2.

7 Why not give serious thought to these matters? Discuss them with your parents or with a mature Christian friend. It is up to you to 'ward off calamity' in your life. We are confident that you will if you are determined to take a course of action that gives evidence of strong faith and a deep love of our Grand Creator.

Announcements

- Literature offers: July: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with three 32-page booklets given free to new subscribers. August: Any two bound books for $1.00. This does not include *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth* or *School Guidebook.* If your congregation has any of the 384-page books in stock, make a special effort to place them in August. September: HOPE tract along with any bound book. October: *Awake!* subscription for $2.50 with three 32-page booklets given free to new subscribers.

- Starting in September the circuit overseers will be giving a slide presentation entitled: "What Bible Lands Tell Us." District overseers will be speaking on the topic: "Our Refuge Amid Increasing Dangers."

- We have been asked by a number of congregations how to obtain the Federal Identification Number now required. This can be done by obtaining an SS-4 form from the Internal Revenue Service office, filling it out according to the facts and mailing it to the local Internal Revenue *Center*. The address can be obtained when you obtain the form. Your number will thereafter be mailed to you by the Internal Revenue Center.

- So that congregations can make suitable arrangements for the Memorial celebration next year, the date will be Sunday, April 19, 1981, after sundown.

- Pioneers and secretaries will note a change in the S-200 Regular Pioneer Report card when they receive their new supply soon. The congregation number should now be shown on the front of the card. The back of the card should be filled out when a pioneer changes name due to change in marital status, and so forth. Notation should also be made on the back of the card when a pioneer moves to a different congregation and needs to be reassigned. Space is still provided for a brief explanation when a pioneer falls short of the 90 hours for the month.

- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  Aid to Bible Understanding
  Orders may again be placed after September 1, 1980.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	604	128.7	98.3	48.0	5.1
Pios.	16,708	82.0	64.1	31.3	3.6
Aux. Pios.	43,083	59.4	52.0	18.0	1.4
Pubs.	486,940	8.5	8.8	3.6	.4
TOTAL	547,335				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,317

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1980	1979
Total Attendance	1,361,612	1,335,268
Number of Partakers	4,237	4,246

Your Own Work (*Cont'd*)

nessing or other magazine work. Do not hesitate to offer *The Watchtower* when making return visits. Whatever you are able to do, remember that Jehovah wants whole-souled service, which means devoting what time you can, depending upon your individual circumstances.

8 Yes, the human body is marvelously designed to work. The same is true of the worldwide Christian congregation. As each one in it—each hand, nerve, ligament and muscle, as it were—proves what its own work is, this beautifully coordinated congregation will give a tremendous witness under the headship of Christ.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Dear Brothers:

No doubt all of you are concerned about whether there are any of our brothers and sisters among the more than 115,000 Cubans who have recently arrived in the United States as refugees. Yes, about 3,000 of our brothers and sisters were taken to the different camps in this country and they are being processed by the immigration authorities. More than 1,000 of our brothers were among the many thousands transported to Miami, Florida, where the Orange Bowl football stadium was used as a temporary site for the refugees. The rest are distributed in other camps set up by the government. Efforts are now underway to register and settle our brothers.

The Society immediately sent some funds to be used to aid the brothers. Additional contributions have been provided to benefit them. Congregations from Tampa to the Florida Keys have contributed some 15 tons of clothing and more than two tons of food have been donated locally in the Miami area. Our brothers from Cuba are in good spirits and are using every opportunity to spread the good news among others in the camps. Reports tell us that their conduct has been exemplary. Many have suffered much persecution in Cuba, but they are of good courage and are determined to continue walking in their integrity.

We are saddened to report at this time that five members of the Bethel family, and a few others in the New York city area have recently been disfellowshiped. There has been some apostasy against the organization and the promoting of sectarian divisions in some of the congregations of God's people. (Titus 3:9-11) Living as we are in times difficult to deal with, it should not be surprising that such things occur. The first-century congregation also experienced deviations as we well know from our

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Working What Is Good Toward All

[1] Jehovah's Witnesses are known as hard workers. But we are not the only people who work. There are many who no doubt work just as hard as we do. When the long workday ends, many persons of the world may be just as tired as we are. A housewife may burn up as much energy during a morning's shopping trip as a Witness does in a morning of field service. A family man tinkering with his car may exert himself as much as the brother who labors over his upcoming public talk. Even a long trek to the Kingdom Hall may not exceed in energy a family's weekend drive to the country.

AVOID VAIN WORKS

[2] Yet our efforts in connection with pure worship are infinitely more valuable than any other work that could possibly be done. Why? Because we "work what is *good.*" (Gal. 6:10) The non-Christian may work himself into a state of exhaustion in efforts to benefit his fellowman. He may be motivated by noble ideas and goals, and yet often be "striking the air," as it were. (1 Cor. 9:26) Whatever good he accomplishes may be short-lived. We, on the other hand, know that our deeds in Jehovah's service are not in vain.—1 Cor. 15:58.

[3] But how do we "work *what is* good"? A brief look at the context of Paul's words to the Galatians is quite revealing. A number of Christians there, formerly holding to the Jewish faith, were laboring in vain. They had not fully accepted the undeserved kindness through Christ. Thus they still tried to prove themselves righteous by works of law. These Christian "Judaizers" promoted circumcision and holding to the Mosaic law's dietary restrictions. Paul endeavored to show that such works of law are vain, and that salvation comes only through faith in Christ. —Gal. 2:16; 3:10-13.

[4] The letter doubtless did much "good" in readjusting the Galatians. It encouraged Christians to "work what is good toward all, but especially toward those related to us in the faith." (Gal. 6:10) Here Paul may have had in mind helping Christians to place their full faith and confidence in Christ, thus living according to the direction of God's spirit. What work could have been more productive or satisfying?

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Working What Is Good Toward Younger Ones

[1] Jehovah has always been concerned about those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7-9) In ancient times he made special provisions to insure that even younger disadvantaged ones were cared for. His law to Israel made particular mention of the "fatherless boy." (Ex. 22:22-24) While we are not under that ancient law today, does not the principle of that law place a responsibility on us as Christians?

[2] In some congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses, there are what we might call "fatherless" young ones. This could be because they have unbelieving parents. Other youths have believing parents who may need help in giving spiritual assistance to their children. It may be that the parents are quite new in the truth and not in a position to help their children effectively, as they would wish. With pressures of various sorts making increasing demands, some may have difficulty in scheduling sufficient time to study with their children or work with them in field service, and so forth. Other parents, although desirous of giving the needed assistance, find themselves in need of help in sounding down the truths from God's Word into the minds and hearts of their children.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

[3] A question that all in the congregation can give serious thought to is: "How can I provide help and encouragement that is needed?" Those having assignments on the meetings can include younger ones from time to time. Could a wider variety of young ones who are *exemplary* in the congregation be used on meeting parts? (Acts 16:1, 2) While some may not be as gifted as others in expressing themselves, granting occasional privileges will be encouraging to them as well as to others. It may take more time to help some, but this training, experience and attention will pay off in rich dividends as our conscientious youngsters grow in the truth.

[4] Parents have the God-given responsibility of helping their own children. But does this mean that others cannot assist? Not at all! And this is especially true where some parents are having difficulty as already mentioned. Children who want additional help may be invited to join your family in

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 3

10 min: Song 82. Announcements and local announcements. Read with audience Galatians 6:7-10 and make brief comments regarding value of service meeting in helping us to do what is fine and work what is good. Introduce next part.

15 min: "Working What Is Good Toward All." Animated talk and discussion with audience based on article. Mention books available for use in field service during August and discuss with audience several suggestions for presenting these books.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—In Seldom-Worked Territory." Discuss article with audience using appropriate questions. Apply locally by specifying what "seldom-worked territory" is available to the congregation. Business territory? Distant congregation territory? Affluent areas? Territory held by neighboring congregations? Tailor discussion to fit local circumstances and opportunities; outline definite plans for working seldom-worked territory during August and September.

10 min: Elder should present information on main points in letter from Governing Body.

10 min: Brief concluding comments based on 1 Corinthians 15:58. Point out how the service meeting tonight has given us much food for thought, stressing highlights. Encourage all, individually, and as family groups, to make personal arrangements for "working what is good." Song 91 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 10

10 min: Song 11. Local announcements. Outline service meeting program to follow. Read with audience yeartext, Acts 4:29, and make brief comments leading into introduction of next part.

12 min: Discuss in positive manner congregation field service report for July. Commend appropriately. Mention number of publishers, number of new ones (if any), pioneers, auxiliary pioneers; number baptized at convention (if any), and other positive aspects of service report. Relate one or two encouraging experiences from the field during July. If possible, include experience showing application of something learned in past service meetings. Introduce next part.

20 min: "Following the Master's Example." Draw comments not only from article but from scriptures cited. Read scriptures as time permits.

13 min: How I Have Been Helped to "Work What Is Good" in Jehovah's Service. As time permits interview publishers with personal experiences. Use variety: someone who has been helped to be effective in the field; one who has been helped to work what is good, making over own personality or overcoming personal problem; one who has been helped by elder or other brother or sister in personal study or personal organization for service; one who has been particularly helped by attending congregation meetings, and so forth. Be selective and use only pointed experiences.

5 min: Song 118 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 17

12 min: Song 63. Local announcements. Accounts report. Read with audience Ecclesiastes 11:9–12:1 and make brief comments as introduction to following part.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of article "Working What Is Good Toward Younger Ones." Interview parents who have raised children in the truth or who are setting a good example in helping their younger children spiritually. Ask how they schedule time for study, service, relaxation and entertainment; what they have found to be effective in helping their children to cultivate right attitude toward secular schools, personal Bible study, field service, caring for assigned responsibilities around home, etc.

20 min: Youths' Responsibility to "Work What Is Good." Scriptural discussion with several youths of various ages on platform. Get well-thought-out comments from young ones showing recognition of youths' own responsibility to work what is good. As time permits, use Ecclesiastes 11:9–12:1; Psalm 8:2; Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 13:7, 17; Proverbs 27:11; 1 Timothy 4:12, and so forth. The one conducting this part may wish to select other appropriate scriptures.

8 min: Briefly discuss arrangements for field service for all to "work what is good." Encourage young and old to share in field service together this week. Song 61 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 24

8 min: Song 48. Local announcements. Read with audience Psalm 27:4 and make appropriate comments leading into following part.

25 min: Looking Ahead to the New Service Year.

(5 min.) Talk. Reflecting on the service year just ending, it is appropriate to ask: "How much have I grown spiritually during the year? What was I able to accomplish?" Perhaps you set some personal goals by which to measure your spiritual progress. What were the results?

(15 min.) Interview publishers who made some noticeable progress during service year. Suggestions: Ones who started pioneering, shared in auxiliary pioneer service, started Bible study, progressed to baptism, enrolled in Theocratic School, started going from house to house, started commenting at meetings, improved meeting preparation, conducted regular family study, improved shepherding work (on part of elder), and so forth. Get comments from group on following points: Did you accomplish all you projected for yourself during the year? What obstacles got in the way? What encouragement can you offer others as to the value of setting personal goals?

(5 min.) Summarize by pointing out the value of having personal goals. They can be an aid to progressive spiritual improvement, but should not cause discouragement or the feeling that Jehovah is never satisfied with our progress. Additional suggested goals: Keeping up with Bible reading in Theocratic School; becoming more effective in using Bible to give a witness; participating regularly in field service; attending all meetings and commenting; fellowshiping more, before and after meetings, and so forth. (May suggest other goals that represent points needing attention in your congregation.)

12 min: Discuss highlights of the following articles: "Adjustment During Circuit Overseer's Visit," "New Circuit Assembly Program" and "Distribute HOPE Tract in September."

10 min: Brief discussion of yeartext, Acts 4:29, from standpoint of the words being part of a prayer of supplication to Jehovah for his direction and strength in doing the work. Read with congregation Acts 4:23-30, giving context, and encourage all the brothers to continually make it their aim to speak Jehovah's Word with boldness. Encourage all to have full share in field service this week.

5 min: Song 44 and prayer.

Announcements

● Literature offer for August: Two of the older 50-cent books for $1.00. This does not include *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth* or *School Guidebook.* If your congregation has any 384-page books in stock, special efforts should be made to use these first. September: HOPE tract along with any pocket-size book. October: *Awake!* subscription for $2.50. November: *My Book of Bible Stories.*

● As soon as the AUGUST report is compiled, the form (S-10) for supplying the Society with the activity of the congregation should be completed and sent promptly to the Society. Be sure to double check all information for accuracy. Keep the duplicate in the congregation file.

● Pioneer report cards and forms for use by the congregation during the coming year are being mailed in August.

● The Literature Inventory forms should be completed and forwarded to the Society no later than September 6.

● This is a notification that Raymond Victor Franz is no longer a member of the Governing Body and of the Brooklyn Bethel family as of May 22, 1980.

● A memorandum concerning American citizenship is being sent to each congregation. Any publisher desiring information on the subject can see the secretary of the congregation.

● Frequent requests are received by the Society for regular pioneers to be given a leave of absence due to health or other reasons. There is no arrangement for regular pioneers to take a "leave" from the pioneer work, but what is available to one who becomes sick for a short period of time is explained in the insert of the February, 1978, *Our Kingdom Service.*

● Any publisher or pioneer who wishes to serve where the need is greater should submit a letter to the congregation service committee including information on page 135 of the *Organization* book. Any not recommended by the committee should be told why in a kindly way. When sending the letter to the Society, the service committee should either sign the letter or attach one of their own. (Same basic arrangement as outlined for pioneers on page 137 of the *Organization* book.)

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Following the Master's Example

1 Jesus loved people. This was evident in his life course while on earth. He talked to people everywhere—on seashores and hillsides, in cities and villages, synagogues, marketplaces, streets and houses. He talked to large crowds, individuals, men and women, old and young, rich and poor. He knew that the message he carried was vital. It was life sustaining.—John 3:36.

2 Are we following the Master's example today? Happily, many are! We have seen fine results during the service year now ending and this is due to much hard work, along with Jehovah's spirit and blessing. However, it is good for us to continually examine Jesus' example and see how he cared for the responsibilities that were entrusted to him. Jesus commissioned his disciples to do the same work that he had done while on earth. —Matt. 28:19, 20.

3 Jesus was self-disciplined. He had personal organization. He was dependable. (Luke 21:37, 38) In order for us to get the most done, we too need personal organization. We should be dependable and to a certain degree follow a personal schedule.

4 Jesus also experienced tiredness, thirst and hunger at times. He would occasionally forgo food for the sake of the work to be done. (Matt. 21:18; John 4:6, 7) Are we self-sacrificing in our service? Are we desirous of reaching reasonable goals that we have set for ourselves? Jehovah is not asking us to be ascetic, but how can Jehovah's spirit strengthen us if we never give of ourselves to the point that we need his help?—Phil. 4:13.

5 Jesus showed affection and friendliness to strangers as well as to his intimate followers. (Matt. 11:28-30; John 13:1; 15:11-15) When we see the suffering that people are experiencing now, both physically and mentally, are we prompted to share our hope with them? Can we see fully the importance of the work that we have in spreading the good news of the Kingdom, knowing that this is the only hope that these folks have? Also, does our love for our brothers prompt us to show them love, overlook their mistakes and idiosyncrasies, just as we would want them to do for us? Are we following the Master's example?

6 Jesus took his assignment seriously. He was considerate and thoughtful of others, taking into account the limited understanding of his audience. (Mark 4:33) Do you take special care in preparing for field service? Do you practice what you want to say? Have you found the suggestions in *Our Kingdom Service* to be helpful? Are you trying to reach the heart of individuals as Jesus did when teaching others?—Matt. 7:28, 29.

7 Jesus' perfect example of humility and kindness should be reflected by all Christians. Our endeavors to continue to serve faithfully in the work that he has assigned will bring us contentment and the joy of helping others. Most of all, it will bring praise to our heavenly Father and his Son, our Exemplar.

. . . Good Toward All *(Cont'd)*

5 Christians today also need encouragement from one another. We could miss the purpose of God's undeserved kindness by thinking that salvation can come from following a particular rule of conduct. The pressures of this system of things could influence us to lower Christian standards of morality, or vainly strive for material security. All of the brothers are therefore to be commended for what they are doing on behalf of one another.

MEANINGFUL WORKS

6 A recent example of this is seen in the fine response of the brothers to the Society's admonition to 'Help One Another.' Brothers have taken the initiative to invite "fatherless boys" to accompany them on Bible studies. Sisters have been helping other sisters who must endure difficult domestic situations and who are in need of encouragement. This is meaningful work! Much is being done to help our brothers 'walk by spirit.' True, this takes extra time and effort. It can be tiring. But it is worth it. Is it possible that you could do more toward helping "those related to us in the faith"?

7 Also, let us not forget those in our territories to whom we owe the 'debt' of sharing the good news. (Rom. 1:14, 15) Many people are working harder than ever before, just to make ends meet. Those without the good news need to know how to direct their efforts toward attaining salvation. Much literature has been printed by the Society to help them. If your congregation has a stock of older publications, would it not be wise to get these books into receptive hands where they can do much good? This month we will offer two of our older 50-cent publications. Why not arrange to help out in the field this weekend?

8 While we do not have a monopoly on hard work, it certainly is satisfying to realize that what we do accomplish can have such a lasting effect. Let us continue to work at "what is good" for the spiritual well-being of both our brothers and those of the world who have yet to taste of the true liberation that Christianity brings. —Gal. 5:1.

. . . Younger Ones *(Cont'd)*

study, field service and perhaps wholesome recreational pursuits. Does not the apostle's encouragement to "widen out" apply in this regard?—2 Cor. 6:11-13.

5 Even those who are not parents can "widen out" in the affection they show to younger ones by spending time with them. Giving of themselves will help to encourage and strengthen younger ones.

6 You may be able to utilize opportunities available before and after meetings to talk to younger ones. This should be more than a "Hello" and "How are you?" One elder asked a small boy how he was, but before the child could answer, the elder turned to speak to an older brother he wanted to see. Later the little boy came up and asked the elder: "Do you *really* want to know how I am?" The elder confessed that he learned from this experience.

7 Younger ones respond more readily when they are known by name. Yes, they too are a part of the congregation and older ones should establish a rapport with those younger members. When the younger ones come to view you as their "friend" there is a more ready response to counsel and direction, is there not?

A LASTING IMPRESSION

8 Many of you can no doubt look back and vividly recall some small privilege given to you when you were quite young. It was encouraging and appreciated, was it not? What was it that impressed you? Was it a small part in a demonstration? Some kind word of counsel or commendation given by an older one? Perhaps a field service experience shared while working with an older brother or sister? By viewing all in the congregation as part of a large congregational "family," there will be many benefits to young and old alike. As we endeavor to imitate Jehovah's example in showing interest and affection to all of mankind, let us continue working what is good toward our younger ones.

Letter *(Cont'd)*

reading of the Holy Scriptures.—1 Tim. 1:20; 4:1; 2 Tim. 2:17, 18; 1 Cor. 15:12, 13; Acts 20:29, 30.

It is our hope that such ones will come to their senses, repent, and return to Jehovah's organization which would be to their everlasting benefit.

To conclude, we hope all of you who may have already attended the "Divine Love" District Convention have enjoyed it to the full, and that those of you who will yet attend will find it spiritually stimulating and upbuilding.

Your brothers,
GOVERNING BODY
OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In Seldom-Worked Territory

1 Our Lord, Jesus Christ, directed that the good news should be "preached in ALL the inhabited earth . . . " (Matt. 24:14) It is for this reason that we should put forth extended efforts to help people who live in seldom-worked territory. Can we give them additional opportunities to hear and be saved?—Rom. 10:13, 14.

2 Perhaps your congregation has distant territory that is seldom worked. It is recommended that territory be covered at least once a year. If your congregation is unable to do that, could another congregation close by be of assistance? The circuit overseer is aware of your needs due to his reviewing the territory records when he visits. He will do what he can to arrange for help from nearby congregations.

3 Additionally, are there nearby parts of the congregation's territory that may not be as productive as other parts? These could include affluent areas where little response has been seen over the years. Also included would be highly religious communities where opposition has been experienced. However, although there have not been "many of noble birth" who *have* responded since the first century when the Christian congregation was established, there have been some. Even some of the *Jewish* priests responded favorably. So, we do not want willingly to ignore any territories. We want to preach to all kinds of men.—1 Cor. 1:26; Acts 6:7. (See also Acts 16:6-10; 18:9-11.)

WAYS THIS CAN BE DONE

4 Service overseers can encourage and help organize the coverage of all the congregation's territories. Some congregations have organized midweek and weekend groups to give special attention to seldom-worked territory. If you must travel some distance, you may find that getting an early start is helpful. Some plan to take a lunch and spend several hours or the entire day in field service.

5 Smaller groups of publishers may be assigned to follow through on not-at-homes and for covering sparsely populated areas. This economizes on time, keeps all in the group busy and minimizes needless waiting. When people are not at home in these territories, you can decide if it is practical to leave free literature. Keep in mind that literature should be left out of the sight of passersby. Literature should not be placed in mailboxes.

6 It is beneficial to prepare your presentation in accord with the territory you will be working. Always be warm, friendly and positive. When approaching the affluent, have in mind what would interest them. Grooming, dress and general decorum should especially be given attention. We do not want to give any "cause for stumbling, that our ministry might not be found fault with."—2 Cor. 6:3.

7 If opposition has been experienced in the past, you may want to take that fact into consideration in your introduction and in the scriptures used in your presentation, as well as in what literature is offered. We are interested in 'saving some.' Let us prepare to become to them whatever will aid to this end.—1 Cor. 9:19-23.

8 Our desire to do Jehovah's work and a sincere love for all kinds of people will prompt us to preach in seldom-worked territory. (Matt. 5:43-48) If love and sincerity are manifest in our conduct and speech in these territories, some may respond and give glory to Jehovah our God.—Matt. 5:16.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Reason and Remedy for World Woes.—Rev. 12:12; Rev. 20:1-3.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life:*

August 3: Pages 36* to 43
August 10: Pages 44 to 49
August 17: Pages 50 to 56*
August 24: Pages 56* to 62*

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* To or from subheading.

Adjustment During Circuit Overseer's Visit

Beginning with September there will be an adjustment in congregation meetings held during the week of the visit of the circuit overseer. The Theocratic School will be conducted for 30 minutes and will consist of Assignment No. 1 and highlights from Bible reading for the week. There will be no student talks scheduled for that week. There will also be a one-half hour talk by the circuit overseer. The regular service meeting will be conducted for one hour, thus making a two hour meeting.

Congregations may wish to conduct the service meeting first, followed by a song, and then continue with the Theocratic School and the one-half hour talk by the circuit overseer. Alternate arrangements may be preferred by some congregations and this will be left up to them.

Distribute HOPE Tract in September

HOPE—who in the world today has it? Very few indeed! That is why the tract distribution for this September should be most successful, and a work enjoyable for all. Hopefully, we will be able to engage people in Bible discussions and offer one of our recent publications as well. The contents of the tract will help interested ones to see that their hope has to be based on God's Word. Scriptures showing what the Bible says about inflation, crime and war will help those of honest heart to see that God's kingdom is the only solution.

We trust that you will have received your order of the HOPE tract in time for a full month of tract distribution during September. Helpful suggestions for presenting the tract will be outlined in September *Our Kingdom Service.*

New Circuit Assembly Program

The Society has received numerous letters from publishers and traveling brothers stating how enjoyable and beneficial past circuit assemblies have been. These comments are appreciated and we hope you will enjoy the "Set Apart from the World" circuit assembly this fall.—John 17:14.

With increasing pressures exerted by the world, it is vital that Jehovah's people remain firm in faith and close to the congregation under his protection. That is why one section of the program, "Remaining Under Jehovah's Protective Care," will prove most beneficial to all. How we experience Jehovah's protection today will be discussed, along with other thought-provoking information. In addition, time will be allotted to review the accomplishments made by our youths, and by the circuit as a whole.

The concluding talks will assist us to reflect on "Maintaining Our Oneness in Faith and Works" and "Our Rewarding Friendship with God." As soon as the dates for your assembly are announced, mark your calendar and be sure to attend!

MAY SERVICE REPORT

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Sp'l Pios.	595	129.7	91.1	47.7	5.0
Pios.	16,358	86.0	63.1	33.1	3.6
Aux. Pios.	22,255	62.0	45.1	18.8	1.6
Pubs.	509,340	8.5	8.6	3.7	.4
TOTAL	548,548				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,743

The total publishers for May is the highest number reporting this service year.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 1-7

What Will You Say:

1. When offering the tract?
2. When offering the book?
3. When unusual interest is shown?

SEPTEMBER 8-14

How Do You Cope with:

1. "I'm not interested"?
2. "I'm busy"?
3. "We don't want anything"?

SEPTEMBER 15-21

How Do You Respond to:

1. "I'm a Catholic"?
2. "I'm a Jew"?
3. "I have my own religion"?

SEPTEMBER 22-28

What Do You Say when They Call Out:

1. "Who is it?"
2. "What do you want?"

SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 5

When Do You:

1. Leave an older free magazine?
2. Make a note to return?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Reason and Remedy for World Woes.—Rev. 12:12; Rom. 16:20.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life:*

August 31: Pages 62* to 69
September 7: Pages 70 to 77*
September 14: Pages 77* to 84*
September 21: Pages 84* to 90*
September 28: Pages 90* to 96

* To or from subheading.

A Message of Hope!

1 Inflation! Sickness! Crime! War! What can mankind do about these things? How much longer will we have to suffer? Is there any reason to hope for better times? Questions like these are being asked by people all over the world. Because of having no hope, many despair. "Expectation postponed is making the heart sick," is the way the wise man expressed it at Proverbs 13:12.

2 The Bible tells us that these things are to take place in the last days. (Rev. 6:1-8) And it foretells from what source relief will come. People are looking to man's government for help. Or they look to astrologers or fortune-tellers. Some look to the scientists. But none can be sure of lasting relief from these sources. Thankfully, we know that the only place to look for sure help is the kingdom of God.

A NEW TRACT

3 The tract for September has as its title "HOPE FOR ENDING INFLATION, SICKNESS, CRIME, WAR?" It will surely bring a message of hope to sincere people.

4 The tract points to the Bible as the only book in which man can securely put his hope. It shows that the very existence of man's problems is a basis for hope. (See Luke 21:28.) The third page illustrates that inflation will not only be controlled, but will be completely done away with. (Ps. 72:16) Sickness will cease. (Rev. 21:4) Crime will end. (Ps. 37:10) War will be no more. (Ps. 46:9) All the grand things that the Bible tells us about will be realized in this generation and be enjoyed by people right here on the earth.

5 How can we help people to know of this sure hope? One way is by presenting the new tract with enthusiasm and conviction. During the month of September we all will have an opportunity to do this.

HOW TO PRESENT THE TRACT

6 Many brothers have expressed appreciation for opportunities to talk to people at length concerning the contents of previous tracts. We encourage you to do this whenever possible. Since the tract offer is one of the easiest to present, many who have never shared in witnessing before may want to start. Encourage them to do so if they qualify. What about Memorial attenders we have been assisting? Would some of them qualify to share in this activity during the month? Could some be reactivated?

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Be Courageous and Strong

1 The days we live in are difficult, referred to in Scripture as the 'time of the end.' Yet there is much to be done in the work of public preaching and disciple-making. Those who would share fully in this work must be courageous and strong. The example of Joshua can help us in this.

2 Jehovah said to Joshua: "Be courageous and very strong to take care to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, in order that you may act wisely everywhere you go." Again he said: "Be courageous and strong. Do not suffer shock or be terrified, for Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go." All of us, young members of the congregation as well as adults, need to be like Joshua.—Josh. 1:7, 9.

3 One does not become courageous and strong overnight. It takes—

TIME, EFFORT AND JEHOVAH'S HELP

4 Joshua was Moses' attendant and minister. He was blessed in many ways by working closely with Moses. You, too, can benefit by working with other, perhaps older, brothers in the congregation. Make known your willingness to help. Then don't wait to be asked, but pitch in and help when you see them doing work around the Kingdom Hall, going in field service or rendering personal assistance to another person. It takes courage and strength to do this, but the blessings you will enjoy are many.

5 It often calls for courage and strength to stick to a job until it is finished. Apparently, Joshua faithfully remained for 40 days at the base of the mountain when Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the commandments of God. (Ex. 24:12-15; 32:15-17) Are you, too, willing to stick to your theocratic assignments, even when they may take longer than you expected?

6 Admittedly, it takes courage and strength to stand up for Jehovah and the truth when others

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 31

10 min: Song 5. Local announcements.

20 min: Congregation secretary discusses letter of July 20, 1980, regarding new MEDICAL ALERT card. Distribute a copy of card to each in audience who wants one; then discuss what is to go in each blank. Stress need for neatness and having two witnesses sign. Letter can be placed on information board for a month and then retained in congregation file for future use.

15 min: "A Message of Hope!" Question-and-answer discussion with demonstration of paragraph 7. Pass out tract beforehand. As you consider the paragraphs, read corresponding page in tract.

15 min: Service overseer considers article on "New Literature Prices." Song 119 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 7

10 min: Song 85, local announcements, accounts report.

20 min: "A Loving Provision from Jehovah." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Also allow time to ask congregation: (1) What obstacles do some face in getting to meetings on time? (2) How do they endeavor to effectively deal with such obstacles? (Eccl. 3:1) Also, consider problems our brothers have in other lands in order to attend meetings and how they overcome them. (See *w79* 8/15 pp. 10, 11; *yb78* pp. 204, 205; *w74* pp. 518, 519.)

15 min: Talk by service overseer on group field service. Commend brothers for fine support of weekend activity, especially first Sunday of each month. Discuss what field arrangements are in operation in the congregation. Point out benefits of working with the book study group: (1) closer bond of love, and (2) sharing ideas and learning from one another. Give suggestions on how to share regularly in group field service activity. (Also see June 1980, *Our Kingdom Service.*)

15 min: Relate encouraging experiences with HOPE tract. Remind brothers to bring June 15, 1980, *Watchtower* next week. Song 66 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

10 min: Song 55, Announcements and local announcements.

15 min: Discuss main points of June 15, 1980, *Watchtower* pp. 5-7, "Why Must Christians Keep Separate from the World?"

15 min: Talk on June 15, 1980, *Watchtower* pp. 8-10, "What It Takes to Keep Separate from the World."

15 min: Review highlights of latest circuit overseer's visit; point out the progress being made in the congregation. Commend brothers and offer appropriate suggestions for further progress.

5 min: Song 88 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 21

10 min: Song 60 and local announcements. Include experience having to do with tract work.

10 min: Consider article "Do Not Become Their Prey!" and Theocratic News.

12 min: Joshua, a Man of Strong Faith and Courage. If possible, have a father handle this part with a number of young children. Draw out the children and help them to see that Joshua was strong in faith and courageous. Use *My Book of Bible Stories,* stories 38, 43 and 45.

20 min: "Be Courageous and Strong." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Also, arrange in advance to interview one or two of the younger members of the congregation concerning occasions when they have had to be courageous and strong in harmony with any of the points in the article.

8 min: Song 73 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 28

10 min: Song 37. Local announcements. Make field service announcements, encouraging all who can to support field service arrangements for first Sunday of the month.

15 min: Arrange locally according to needs of congregation. Or a talk can be given, based on the July 1, 1980, *Watchtower* article "Have You Tried to Make Amends?"

15 min: The offer for October: *Awake!* subscription for a contribution of $2.50. The theme of the October 8 issue of *Awake!* is "How Can You Cope with Stress?" Have experienced publisher or pioneer demonstrate following presentation. After asking the householder what some of the things are that cause stress, direct the conversation to the current Topic for Conversation, "Reason and Remedy for World Woes." Draw the attention of the householder to Revelation 12:12 and Romans 16:20, getting his comments on what these scriptures say.

A second brief demonstration can feature an article from magazine that appeals to the publisher, who expresses conviction that householder will be equally impressed with the practical information presented. Ask audience for their observations on effective points of the presentation or different articles they plan to feature.

Encourage all to keep presentations simple and uncomplicated, showing householders practical value of information in the magazines. Several issues of the magazine can be displayed to help householder see value of the subscription. Encourage the offering of subscriptions in house-to-house work, informal witnessing, when making return visits, and the offering of single issues if the subscription offer is not accepted.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—On the First Sunday of the Month." Questions and answers. Also include any encouraging experiences or expressions from local publishers concerning their work on the first Sunday of the month.

5 min: Song 89 and prayer.

Be Courageous and Strong (*Cont'd*)

oppose. Do you put forth the effort to do this? It was not easy for Joshua or Caleb to stand alone when 10 others disagreed with the position of faith they took. And it was not easy for them to remain faithful when the majority of those who heard their report rejected it and threatened to stone them to death. Nevertheless, Joshua and Caleb stood firm because they were sure that Jehovah would protect them, as well as all of his faithful people.—Num. 13:30, 31; 14:6-10.

7 Many young members of the congregation will be returning to school this month. If you are one of these, you may face opposers who do not agree with you, just as Joshua did. When you are ridiculed or threatened because of your faith and your bold Christian stand, will you remain firm and continue to walk in Christian integrity? Will you also continue to show courage and reliance on Jehovah by boldly declaring the good news from house to house, as well as on other appropriate occasions? Admittedly, such courage and Christian faith calls for dependence on Jehovah.—Ps. 118:6; 55:22.

8 Because Joshua and Caleb had confidence that Jehovah would care for them, and because they followed his direction in faith, Jehovah said: "They have followed Jehovah wholly." (Num. 32:12) Do you have that kind of faith and courage?

9 Joshua resolved: "As for me and my household, we shall serve Jehovah." (Josh. 24:15) All of us, young members of the congregation as well as adults, should personally put forth the effort to be like Joshua. Always pray for Jehovah's help. With his blessing we can be courageous and strong and serve in a way that brings honor to him.

Do Not Become Their Prey!

"Wicked men and impostors will advance from bad to worse, misleading and being misled." (2 Tim. 3:13) So warn the Scriptures. And these impostors are trying not only to mislead in doctrinal matters but also to take advantage of the generosity of faithful brothers in a material way. From time to time notices have appeared in *Our Kingdom Service* giving warning of these deceivers, but the Society continues to receive reports of brothers being defrauded of money and material things because of believing the "hard-times" story of traveling impostors. Often their story is that they are stranded and need $50 or more to get gasoline and food for returning to their home. In most cases they are not Jehovah's Witnesses at all but are only pretending to be.

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A Loving Provision from Jehovah

¹ It was a midwinter day and the temperature was below zero. A Christian mother started out on foot, along with four of her children, walking an eight-mile journey to the Kingdom Hall. After they walked three miles, a neighbor stopped in an auto and gave them a ride for the remaining five miles. In the Congo, a youth 17 years of age walks nine miles to attend meetings. In Honduras each Sunday a group of new Witnesses walks three hours to get to the meetings, and three hours to get back home.

² Why would so many individuals go to so much trouble to attend congregation meetings? Because they appreciate the privilege of associating with fellow Christians for worship and study of God's Word.—Matt. 5:3.

³ Jesus' disciples appreciated the importance of regularly receiving spiritual encouragement, especially when meeting together. (See Acts 2:42, 46; 19:8, 9; 20:8; Rom. 16:3, 5; Philem. 2.) And the apostle Paul wrote: "We ought to see how each of us may best arouse others to love and active goodness, not staying away from our meetings, as some do, but rather encouraging one another, all the more because you see the Day drawing near." —Heb. 10:24, 25, *NEB*.

⁴ Meetings are a loving provision from our heavenly Father, Jehovah. All of them are arranged with the purpose of encouraging us to manifest love in all aspects of life and to abound in fine works.

⁵ How can we show appreciation for these Christian meetings? By attending regularly! Since all of us want to keep our integrity to Jehovah, we must be conscious of our spiritual needs. Congregation meetings are truly precious to us. —Ps. 26:12.

⁶ During coming months more will be said in *Our Kingdom Service* about other aspects of congregation meetings. These articles should build up our appreciation for the meetings as loving provisions that Jehovah has made for us.

⁷ Since congregation meetings are an arrangement by Jehovah, how should we dress when we come? The Bible counsels us to dress at all times with modesty. (1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Pet. 3:3-6) It is good to remember that we are presenting ourselves before the Sovereign of the universe for instruction. So it is not a casual occasion. It is good if our appearance reflects the dignity of the occasion. In this way we will not offend God or our brothers. And this would apply to *all* congregation meetings.

⁸ Being punctual at our congregation meetings shows that we respect our host, Jehovah God, for this loving arrangement. Missing the first few minutes of a congregation meeting is like picking up an article to read and starting with the fourth or fifth paragraph. We miss the introduction and perhaps the setting. Our overall understanding and enjoyment are lessened. More seriously, we miss joining in the opening petition in prayer to Jehovah. It is good when elders and ministerial servants arrive early at meetings. They then have an opportunity to greet other brothers warmly and to welcome them to the Kingdom Hall.

⁹ Showing appreciation for congregation meetings as a loving arrangement from Jehovah will result in great happiness and many blessings, both now and in the coming system of things.

A Message of Hope! (*Cont'd*)

During September it will be a good time to assist these.

⁷ Because of the appealing title, many individuals will be happy to obtain a copy. You may simply hand them a tract and encourage them to read it. Or you could say: "Good morning. My name is . . . . Because of the skyrocketing inflation, dreaded diseases, increasing crime right in our own neighborhood and even the threat of World War III, many people are understandably disturbed. Do you think there is hope for better times? [Allow householder to answer.] We are pleased to give you this tract entitled 'HOPE FOR ENDING INFLATION, SICKNESS, CRIME, WAR?' Page two shows that many people are turning to astrologers and fortunetellers to learn what the future holds. Do you believe they could have the answers needed? [Allow householder to answer.] The Bible gives us a hope for better times. [Then discuss one of the points on page three.] This is your free copy of the tract. To help you further learn about the Bible's hope we are offering this publication [any 192-page book] on a contribution of 60c. We would like you to have it also."

⁸ Jehovah has provided the only sure message of hope. Let us share it with as many as we can!

New Literature Prices

¹ Well has it been observed that 'Jehovah's Witnesses have covered the earth with their witnessing.' How has this been made possible? Not by human might or power, but by God's spirit operating upon his servants as they have made use of various provisions to fulfill their preaching and teaching commission.—Zech. 4:6; Matt. 24:14; 28: 19, 20.

² One of the most effective means used to accomplish our work has been the use of the printed page. Over the years billions of pieces of Bible literature in the form of books, booklets, magazines, tracts, and so forth, have been distributed to make known the Kingdom good news. Last year alone a total of 253,727,225 books, booklets and magazines were distributed world wide.

³ All over the world economic conditions are very unstable at the present time. Due to soaring inflation, the cost of living continues to rise. So does the cost of printing materials, paper, shipping and mailing. This affects the Society's operations not only at Brooklyn but at all of our printing branches. In many countries it is necessary to subsidize the printing of publications. Hence, each year the Society must review the current situation as part of its planning for the future and then make adjustments accordingly.—Luke 14: 28-30.

⁴ Now that a new *Cost List* has been prepared, we would like to have brothers keep the above points in mind when they consider the new pricing arrangement. Four copies of the new *Cost List* are being sent to each congregation. One copy is for the secretary. The other three copies should be given to the brothers caring for literature, magazines and accounts.

⁵ In making the changes set out in the new *Cost List*, the Society has taken into consideration the information received from all the branches. In order to care for the rising costs in many countries, including those in the United States, it has been necessary to increase the price of our literature. You will note that the congregation and public rate will be the same. This will help reduce some of the bookkeeping work. These new prices and rates will go into effect as of September 1, 1980. After the actual count of literature is taken, each

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

On the First Sunday of the Month

1 Do you have a regular share in the work of Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making? (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Many have been aided to share with others in this work on the first Sunday of the month as well as at other times.

2 When the announcement is made in the congregation that "This coming Sunday will be the first Sunday of the month . . ." and field service arrangements are outlined, reports indicate that the response and support have been very encouraging. Many put forth a special effort to share in the house-to-house work on that day. Brothers have often made adjustments so that other matters do not interfere with arrangements to share with the rest of the congregation in this special activity.

3 One elder said concerning himself and his wife: "We make it our business to share in the house-to-house work with other publishers on that Sunday for sure, and on other weekends as we are able." Many publishers who were not participating in house-to-house work on Sunday are now doing so consistently.—Acts 20:20.

4 It affords a wonderful opportunity for parents to work with their children. One father said: "This arrangement helps us to keep a good schedule for field service." Another said: "If our family finds it necessary to be away from the congregation on a weekend, we try to arrange things so that it is not the first weekend of the month. Jesus said 'Seek first the kingdom,' so we try to put field service in the first place each month."—Matt. 6:33.

5 One sister, with an unbelieving husband, who was not permitted to share in the service on weekends got a pleasant surprise. She told her husband of the Society's suggestion that Jehovah's people share in the witness work on at least the first Sunday of the month. He said: "That's fine. You can go out the first Sunday of the month and I'll sleep late that morning."

OTHER BENEFITS

6 Elders and other publishers have been delighted that they have had opportunity to work with some they were not able to work with on other occasions. Many are encouraged by seeing others in the work. One brother said: "There is a special joy in knowing so many are working together in a united way." A sister who had not normally been sharing in the work on Sunday came back rejoicing that she had started the Bible study that she had been praying for.

7 Many congregations have reported very good support of the special field service arrangements for the first Sunday of each month. Some have had close to 100 percent support. Regular reminders from the platform and personal invitations during the week before encourage many to share. Good support by the elders and ministerial servants is vital.

8 Are you out in field service with the group on the first Sunday of the month? Could you arrange your affairs so that this might be possible? If you can, we encourage you to do so.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	596	116.2	81.7	43.3	4.7
Pios.	16,368	78.7	58.8	30.0	3.5
Aux. Pios.	16,399	60.4	43.7	17.7	1.6
Pubs.	496,033	8.5	8.5	3.6	.4
TOTAL	529,396				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,126

New Literature Prices *(Cont'd)*

congregation will be charged for the increases in prices on the basis of the September 1, 1980, actual count inventory.

6 For the information of all publishers and pioneers, the new rates are as follows:

	Pio.	Cong. and Pub.
384-page Books	$ .20	$1.00
192-page Books	.15	.60
"Make Sure . . ."; From Paradise . . .	.25	1.00
"Babylon . . ." (704 pages)	.25	1.00
My Book of Bible Stories	1.25	2.50
Bible No. 7	.75	1.50
Bible No. 10, 11, 12, 24	1.25	2.50
Deluxe Bible No. 12	2.50	5.00
Bible No. 8 (Large-Print)	3.00	6.00
Interlinear	1.25	2.50
Comprehensive Concordance	3.00	6.00
Yearbook	.25	1.00
WT Index 30-60, 61-65, 66-70, 71-75	.75	1.50
Watchtower and *Awake!* One-year Subscriptions		
(semimonthly)	1.25	2.50
(monthly)	.65	1.25
Distributors' Copies	.02	.10
64-page Booklets	.02	.10
32-page Booklets	.01	.05

7 We feel confident our brothers will fully cooperate with this new pricing arrangement, recognizing the reasons for the changes that have been made. We are sure Jehovah's blessing will be upon our efforts in giving a further witness during the 1981 service year.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ During July all of the Society's missionaries in Iran were forced to leave the country. Our work in Iran has been officially declared dissolved. Local brothers now have the responsibility of making known the good news to the people of that country.

◆ Haiti, with 3,150 publishers, had 18,613 in attendance at the Memorial celebration this year.

◆ Australia reached a new peak of 31,046 publishers in April. Papua New Guinea reported a peak of 1,484 publishers during the same month.

Announcements

● Literature offer for September: HOPE tract along with any 192-page book for 60c. For October: *Awake!* subscription for $2.50. For November: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.50. For December: *New World Translation* and *Happiness* book for $3.10.

● New Publications Available:

Commentary on the Letter of James —French, Japanese
Happiness—How to Find It (*hp*) —English, Italian, Spanish
Life Does Have a Purpose —Arabic, Greek
My Book of Bible Stories —French, Hiligaynon, Tagalog, Thai, Twi
The Path of Divine Truth Leading to Liberation (*dt*) —English
Kingdom Melodies (*csm-1*)

● Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

Watchtower and *Awake!* bound volumes for 1979 —English, Spanish
1980 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses —English, Spanish

. . . Their Prey *(Cont'd)*

If someone you do not know comes to you and says he is in need, it is wise to find out something about this person, and usually this can best be done by the elders. Genuineness often can be detected by discussing how long he has been in the truth, asking if he was at a recent assembly, seeing how familiar he is with recent publications, and so forth. Invariably you will find that it is advisable to ask for the name of one of the elders in his congregation so that you might call and get a recommendation. Bona fide brothers and sisters who find themselves unexpectedly in need should not object to this inquiry for the protection of all concerned. A telephone call should be made. Impostors will thus be exposed.

Usually it is not sufficient merely to accept the person's word that he knows the name of an overseer in a particular town. In traveling, these deceivers sometimes learn the names of brothers and the congregations with which they are associated. While their story may sound very sincere, check it out first. Do not become their prey!

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 6-12
What Do You Do

1. To tie in the offer with topic for conversation?
2. When the offer is not accepted?
3. To lay a basis for a return visit?

OCTOBER 13-19
When Offering the October 22 "Awake!"

1. What would you say to a man?
2. To a housewife?
3. To a youth?

OCTOBER 20-26
How Can Families

1. Prepare for service?
2. Evangelize together?
3. Show neighbor love?

OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 2
What Do You Suggest

1. For follow-up on "Awake!" subscriptions?
2. To present "Bible Stories" book?
3. As a presentation for young publishers?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Reason and Remedy for World Woes.—Rev. 12:12; Rom. 16:20.

MORE THAN ONE MILLION ATTEND CONVENTIONS IN U.S.

We rejoice that at the 102 "Divine Love" District Conventions in the U.S. this summer, there was a new all-time peak in attendance of 1,024,126. It is also very encouraging to know that 9,617 were baptized.

Serving Jehovah as a Family

1 The family that serves Jehovah *together* is the basic unit of the Christian congregation today. So, while each *individual* Christian must have a *personal* relationship with Jehovah, a *family* of Christians serving together helps to strengthen such relationship.

2 Evidently this is one reason why Paul encouraged Christians to continue living with mates who were nonbelievers, saying: "For, wife, how do you know but that you will save your husband? Or, husband, how do you know but that you will save your wife?" (1 Cor. 7:16) So, as Christians, we are encouraged to worship and serve Jehovah as *families.*

HOW TO SERVE AS A FAMILY

3 Among early Christian families, one that was noteworthy was that of Philip "the evangelizer." He was an active, hospitable Christian. (Acts 21:8) But his service did not stop there. As an evangelizer he apparently assisted his family to be regular in Jehovah's service, too, for the record mentions that his four virgin daughters "prophesied."—Acts 21:9.

4 How can Christian families today be active, evangelizing families? *All* in the family must appreciate the privilege of serving Jehovah, preaching and teaching the Christian good news. (Matt. 28:19, 20) But to enjoy such godly service, *each one* must be prepared. So married Christians should recognize the need to *prepare* for service together as a family, discussing points in the literature that could be used, appropriate Scripture texts and other talking points.

5 *Scheduling* time for *all* to share in field service is also *very* important. Therefore, many families are using the first Sunday of the month to work together. Concerning families working together in service the first Sunday each month, one brother wrote: "Field service has really picked up. The friends are responding to the recommendations of assisting one another, especially the youth." Does your family thus serve together each month?

6 It is very encouraging to see *entire* families working together with their book study groups. In this way children as well as adults share in covering the territory assigned to the group. Such working together with the group will assist parents to instill in their children greater appreciation for our responsibility to preach the good news and care for the "sheep."

7 Many parents assist their chil-

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Growing Spiritually as a Family

1 "In an age that emphasizes maximum personal expression and gratification," comments a family magazine, "many parents don't want to sacrifice anything of themselves for their children, who are viewed as a burden." A news magazine also reports that the current tendency of parents to give 'priority to their own right to self-fulfillment' leaves their children emotionally crippled and without a moral code. This is just as the Scriptures foretold, "that in the last days . . . men will be lovers of themselves, . . . having no natural affection."—2 Tim. 3:1-5.

2 Clearly, to attain the goal of family unity and happiness, the Christian family must resist such tendencies and follow the instructions provided by the Founder of the family, Jehovah God. (Ps. 100:3; Prov. 3:5, 6) Fathers, particularly, are charged with the responsibility of "bringing them up in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah."—Eph. 6:1-4.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

3 Happily, Jehovah has provided parents with many valuable aids to help the family grow spiritually, but it does take a measure of self-discipline, or even self-sacrifice, to make use of and to benefit from them. For example, the *Yearbook* provides a Bible text and upbuilding comments for consideration each day. Is considering that information a part of your family's daily routine? Showing the benefits of daily discussing a Bible text, a report from an African country where the work is banned tells how the imprisoned brothers assigned a different one of their group each day to think up a Bible text for discussion. Then each brother would give a comment on that selected text. Later they explained how very helpful it is to know many Bible verses in advance of *such* tests of faith. Yes, how beneficial it is for each family to cultivate such useful habits as regularly

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 5

10 min: Song 71 and local announcements.

15 min: Discussion of article "Serving Jehovah as a Family." Handle with appropriate questions directed to audience. In connection with paragraphs 4 to 8, ask for suggestions or results obtained by families working together in field service.

30 min: "Training Our Children to Be Lovers of Jehovah." What key points do you remember from symposium on Saturday afternoon at "Divine Love" District Convention? Chairman should use appropriate questions to draw out audience on main points and consider local application of the following:

(1) In raising our children to become disciples, emphasize that effort must be put forth; does not happen automatically. Discuss following scriptures, noting what *action* must be taken:

Proverbs 22:6: *"Train* up a boy . . ." Time and effort needed.

Ephesians 6:4: Greek expression for "bringing them up" means "nourishing out," spiritually feed, nurture and develop them; "in the discipline" refers to instructing, involving training, education, and correction; "mental-regulating of Jehovah" means 'putting in [the child's mind] the mind of Jehovah.' The mind and will of Jehovah are found in the Bible. Suggest that children memorize basic Bible texts. How many have been doing so, and what are the effects? (Can review texts such as Acts 20:35; John 3:16; Eph. 6:1; Mic. 6:8; Matt. 24:14; Ps. 83:18; Prov. 22:15, and so forth.)

2 Timothy 3:15: "Infancy" can refer to a newborn (Luke 2:12) or a three-month old (Acts 7:19, 20; Ex. 2:2). Point is, start immediately while child is still like young twig. Baby's brain reaches three quarters adult size by age two; heart doubles in size in first year. Important to reach heart.—Matt. 15:18; Luke 6:45.

(2) Goal of training is in the way of God's righteousness; must be done according to Bible standards, using Bible principles. Time and patience needed; also consistency from both parents, where possible, is important. (Col. 3:21) Chairman should briefly recount demonstrations seen at convention or have audience relate what was remembered.

Scene 1: Child speaks disrespectfully to parents in front of visiting adult. Some texts discussed were Prov. 23:22; 13:24 (obedience to parents required by God); Rom. 13:1 (disrespect of parental authority can lead to rebelliousness).

Scene 2: Child refuses to let a visiting child play with his toys, displaying selfish attitude. Texts used: Acts 20:35; Matt. 20:28 (Jesus' own example); 1 Tim. 6:18 and 1 John 4:20.

Scene 3: Child throws tantrum when not allowed to take playthings to Kingdom Hall. Texts considered: Deut. 21:18 (self-will can lead to rebelliousness with serious consequence); Deut. 31:12 (even little ones to listen and learn at meetings); Prov. 22:15; 23:13, 14 (why physical rod of punishment *may* be necessary).

Basic course is to reason with child, showing undesirable outcome of bad course followed, using Scriptural principle to set things straight. Rod of discipline applied when and where necessary. Remember, goal is to raise Christian that will be loved by Jehovah and bring honor to his name.

5 min: Song 24 and prayer. (Remind audience to read October 22 *Awake!* and bring it to next week's meeting.)

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 12

10 min: Song 31, Announcements and accounts report.

12 min: "Presenting the Good News—As Families, Using *Awake!*" Question-and-answer discussion of article. When considering paragraph 3, ask audience for suggestions on talking points from October 22 *Awake!*

15 min: Keeping Clean for the Service of God. Talk with audience participation. Carefully consider how the material applies in your area and focus on aspects needing attention.

In many areas there is increasing lack of concern about cleanness and appearance. What have you observed in your area? How is it affecting our brothers and sisters?

Bible's emphasis on spiritual cleanness (Lev. 19:1, 2; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16); also evidence that physical cleanness is important. Customs of Israelites and early Christians marked them as clean people. For example, man's leaving hair untended and garment unwashed considered signs of mourning. (2 Sam. 19:24) Hospitality included washing feet of guests, likely dirty from walking on dusty roads in sandals. (Judg. 19:21; John 13:5) (If time permits, can consider other examples: Ex. 30:17-21; Lev. 17:15; 15:13, and so forth.)

God's counsel "YOU must be holy" applies to us today and shows importance of personal cleanness. Christians, as ministers, have good reasons for proper grooming and personal hygiene. If we are neat, clean and well-groomed, not gaudy or untidy, it will reflect well on message we bring and on the God we worship. (2 Cor. 6:3, 4; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10) Children need to be instructed on cleaning, handling clothes, eating habits, and so forth. Help them to realize it is not just to aid mother, but is related to worshiping God.

Christians also concerned about keeping home and possessions clean and orderly. Whole family should cooperate, for a clean and presentable home reflects on one's worship. Cars and other equipment used in preaching work may also need attention.

Commendation is due for vast improvement many have made since learning truth. Encourage all to keep clean for service of God.

15 min: Elders can use this time to consider local needs or arrange to have several publishers relate experiences found on the last page of recent issues of *The Watchtower*. Local experiences may also be used.

8 min: Song 9 and closing prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 19

Theme: Growing Spiritually as a Family.

10 min: Song 63 and local announcements.

18 min: "Growing Spiritually as a Family." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Ask audience what they have been doing or how they intend to apply suggestions mentioned in paragraphs 3 to 6.

25 min: Showing Neighbor Love—Week by Week. Chairman can handle introductory part and then include audience in discussion, emphasizing Bible principles.

- (10 min.) Throughout history man has functioned on weekly basis
  - God's work relative to earth done on weekly cycle of seven days (Gen. 2:2)
  - Israel observed seven-day cycle
- Nearly all functions done weekly: shopping, washing, secular work, and so forth
- Our worship also on weekly basis: five meetings per week
  - How can we show love for others on weekly basis?
  - How would 1 Corinthians 13:8 apply to our preaching activity?
- Schedule weekly service where possible
  - Each one's circumstances and responsibilities differ (2 Cor. 8:12)
    - Everyone has 168 hours per week
    - Showing neighbor love should receive high priority for Christian
    - What are various opportunities for organized field service and group witnessing in local congregation?
- What are advantages of weekly service?
  - Interview two or three congregation publishers of various ages who are exemplary and who share in service weekly
    - When do they go out? Why do they consider *weekly* service important? What are the advantages of being out at least once each week?
- (13 min.) Stimulating the Pioneer Spirit
- Many who publish weekly have pioneer spirit but cannot be regular pioneers
  - Such appreciate opportunities to be auxiliary pioneers
  - Appreciate need for whole-souled service (Col. 3:23, 24)
    - Circumstances of individual dictate what is required to serve whole-souled (Gal. 6:4)
- Auxiliary pioneer work is an aid in whole-souled service
  - Interview several publishers with varying circumstances who find it possible to be auxiliary pioneers from time to time. Could include housewife, older publisher, school-age child, elder or ministerial servant, some who auxiliary pioneer during circuit overseer's visit, or others. Stress how auxiliary pioneer arrangement suits circumstances of many
- Regular pioneers a blessing to congregation and community
  - One of best ways to show neighbor love week by week
  - Increased service makes for increased results (2 Cor. 9:6)
  - "Art of teaching" cultivated to greater degree (2 Tim. 4:2)
  - Interview, if possible, some who are presently pioneering or have pioneered in the past
    - Ask what moved them to take up pioneer work, and how have they benefited spiritually from pioneering?
- (2 min.) Our Neighbors Need Love
- Time left to warn neighbors being reduced weekly (1 Cor. 7:29, 31)
  - Do not hold back from helping week by week as a regular publisher, auxiliary or regular pioneer. (Prov. 3:27)

7 min: Song 32 and prayer.

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Announcements

● Literature offer for October: *Awake!* subscription for $2.50. November: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.50. December: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and *Happiness—How to Find It* for $3.10. January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50.

● The Society now has available in grade-one Spanish Braille the booklet *There Is Much More to Life!* This one-volume publication may be obtained on a free loan basis or purchased and kept permanently. A remittance of $1.00 should accompany orders if purchased. All orders for Braille items should be sent to the Society's BRAILLE DESK and not included on regular congregation literature orders. Braille publications should not be stocked by the congregation.

● Public talks based on the new book *Happiness—How to Find It* will be scheduled during January and February 1981. Further information regarding this matter will appear in the November issue of *Our Kingdom Service*.

● Beginning the week of January 4, 1981, all congregations will begin studying the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached* at the congregation book studies.

Meetings . . . Make Disciples *(Cont'd)*

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 26

10 min: Song 62 and local announcements.

25 min: The Family Unit in True Worship. Scriptural discussion involving young and old in audience. Read Scripture texts as time permits. (Chairman can select texts to develop from those listed.)

- Jehovah the originator of family unit (Gen. 5:3)
  - Hebrews worshiped Jehovah as family unit
    - What responsibility rested on Hebrew parents? (Deut. 6:6-8)
    - How were children to view their parents? (Lev. 19:3; Deut. 27:16; Deut. 5:16)
    - How were parents to protect spirituality of children as children approached age of marriage? (Deut. 7:1-4)
    - When might families get together for fellowship and spiritual instruction? (Deut. 16:16; Luke 2:41, 44)
- Christians also encouraged to worship as family unit; strong families needed in congregations today
  - What counsel is given to Christian family heads? (Eph. 5:25, 28-30; 6:4; also Chap. 4 in *Family Life* book)
  - How are Christian wives encouraged in the Scriptures? (Eph. 5:22, 24; Prov. 31:10; see also Chap. 5 in *Family Life* book)
  - What responsibility is placed on Christian youths? (Eph. 6:1-3)
  - How does 1 Corinthians 12:25, 26 show that all in the family "body" should progress as Christians? (See also pp. 186, 187 of *Family Life* book.)
  - How can families effectively worship together at home? at Christian meetings?
- All Christians should seek to strengthen family ties
  - Today the family unit is undergoing most vicious attack yet by Satan
    - Results: Breakdown of morals; break up of families (2 Tim. 3:1-4)
    - True Christians warned to turn away (2 Tim. 3:5)
  - Need to continue helping one another in love to keep our Christian families strong and to help our brothers (Gal. 6:10)

12 min: Discussion of "A Revised Theocratic School." Highlight changes in school program for 1981. Encourage all to attend school regularly and keep up with Bible reading program.

13 min: Our Field Service Next Month. Briefly outline offer of *My Book of Bible Stories* for contribution of $2.50. Discuss midweek and weekend field service arrangements. Include some experiences that will build appreciation for group activity. Also encourage all to spend some time in field service next Sunday, the first Sunday of November. Song 112 and prayer.

A Revised Theocratic School

1 Since 1943, when it was first instituted, the Theocratic School has been a great help in training Jehovah's Witnesses to preach and teach more effectively. In fact, the original textbook used in the school said: "It is to the one end of making each one a more efficient Theocratic minister to the honor of the Lord's name; that he may be better equipped to publicly present the hope that is with him."—1 Pet. 3:15.

2 From time to time there have been minor changes in the format of the school. You will notice some changes in the school program for 1981 when you read through the instructions and schedule that accompany this issue of *Our Kingdom Service*. What are some of these changes? For one thing, the Theocratic School will be 45 minutes in length. (See next month's issue of *Our Kingdom Service* for further details.)

3 The time allotted for Assignment No. 1 is being reduced from 20 minutes to 15 minutes. Otherwise this assignment, including the material being covered, remains basically the same as in the current school schedule.

4 The 1981 schedule will allow eight minutes instead of six for highlights from the Bible reading assignment. This will allow more time for audience participation and thus all are encouraged to keep up with the Bible reading schedule with a view to participating in the discussion. Talk No. 2 will be handled as it is now.

5 Sisters will continue to be assigned to Talk No. 3, and this talk will still be based on *My Book of Bible Stories*. Talk No. 4, based on *Watchtower* and *Awake!* articles, will preferably be assigned to a male student. It will be the *last* talk on the program during 1981 and will be like Talk No. 5 on the current schedule. In many congregations the majority of the students are sisters and so Talk No. 4 may, at times, be assigned to a sister if desired. In this case the school overseer will assign an assistant as is currently done.

6 Also you will note that the new schedule sets out the number *and* title of the opening song for each week's program. This should prove helpful. Another change has to do with counsel. Sometimes the school overseer has had a difficult time getting all of the students together after the school in order to give private counsel. So, in 1981, counsel will again be given from the platform after each student talk. In this way the student and the entire congregation can benefit from the good, constructive counsel given. (See *School Guidebook*, p. 11.) No doubt the students will want to review the points of counsel that they will be working on when preparing for the school.

7 In order to prepare properly, each student should have his own copy of the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*, which explains in detail all the points of counsel. The school overseer will, of course, base his counsel on this publication, taking into consideration the experience of each individual student in the Theocratic School.

8 The value of the Theocratic School is summed up very well on page nine of the *School Guidebook*, where it says: "This school provides free training for the ministry. It serves the congregation in two ways: (1) The individual student is given a program of study that helps him to improve in ability to gather, develop and present information logically to others; and (2) the entire congregation receives much valuable information in the course of each week's program. Improved spiritual appreciation and ministerial activity are sure to result."

9 We hope the new school arrangement for 1981 will help each Kingdom publisher to follow the inspired advice of the apostle Paul: "Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright."—2 Tim. 2:15.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	560	104.9	85.9	40.2	4.6
Pios.	16,928	76.4	62.5	29.5	3.3
Aux. Pios.	13,735	60.4	48.7	18.1	1.5
Pubs.	515,859	8.5	8.9	3.6	.4
TOTAL	547,082				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,780

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

As Families, Using "Awake!"

1 The two special issues of *Awake!* published this month are designed to deal with problems that confront a wide cross section of the people we meet in field service, pointing out Scriptural solutions. Have you read the magazines and thought about how to use them in the field?

2 The October 8 issue develops the theme "How Can You Cope with Stress?" and the October 22 issue focuses on the theme "Does Life Have Any Meaning?" Truly, individuals and family groups everywhere are under tremendous pressure and stress every day—a modern epidemic! Where can relief be found, presently and permanently? On the other hand, many sincere persons are searching for the real meaning of life. Some, unfortunately, have accepted answers that have only brought more disappointment and sorrow. What can they do to make their lives meaningful? These captivating questions are just what some of the most timely articles in the two special issues deal with. What marvelous instruments we have in these two magazines to help those who are "skinned and thrown about"!—Matt. 9:36.

3 How fine it would be for each family to get together and go over these two magazines so that all can benefit personally from the fine information. Groups of publishers may do the same. As you do so, why not let each one present pick out something in the magazine—an article, an illustration, a caption, or a statement—that is especially appealing, and then help one another develop something to say for presenting it in the field. A little practice this way will polish up the presentations and everyone will be ready for a full share in offering the *Awake!* subscription.

4 Besides offering the subscription from house to house and to friends and acquaintances, be alert to other opportunities to make good use of these fine issues. When the householder is busy, or is on the way out, or does not wish to take the subscription, why not briefly offer the two magazines? Street work is another good way to use these special magazines. By taking the initiative and approaching people, you can simply show them the magazine with the theme on the cover and ask if they would like to find out a little more about the matter. Then turn to an appropriate article and offer the magazines.

5 Some congregations have made a special effort to assist the younger publishers to have a full share in offering the magazines by making arrangements for field service during after-school hours, perhaps on Fridays. Good results have been reported, for it seems that generally more people are at home in the late afternoon, and the younger publishers usually enjoy offering the magazines, if they are well prepared.

6 Let us, as families and as individuals, put to good use these two marvelous instruments, the October 8 and 22 special issues of *Awake!* Let the "armies of cavalry," the symbolic "horses" of Revelation 9:16 go forth!

Serving Jehovah . . . *(Cont'd)*

dren in establishing magazine routes. This is very commendable! Yet, we do not want to overlook the possibility of starting Bible studies with these readers. A pioneer couple made it a goal to develop their magazine calls into Bible studies and reported: "It has been surprising to us how many have said yes, they would like a study." So we encourage families to work together also in making return visits and conducting Bible studies. This way children can develop the fine art of *teaching* the truth to others.

8 Some families find it very enjoyable to work together in assisting other families to get into the field service. Such kind, Christian assistance is usually appreciated very much. One sister, the mother of seven young children, wrote: "I'm thankful to Jehovah and his earthly organization for having been helped to have a larger share in the work." If you are part of a Christian family, small or large, can you find ways to encourage the *entire* family to serve Jehovah together?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life:*

October 5: Pages 97 to 104*
October 12: Pages 104* to 111
October 19: Pages 112 to 118
October 26: Pages 119 to 125*

* To or from subheading.

Growing Spiritually . . . *(Cont'd)*

setting aside a time that is practical for a discussion of the daily text from the *Yearbook.*

4 Family Bible reading is another means by which the whole family can be helped to grow spiritually. (Rom. 15:4) Surely each family needs such instructions in resisting the temptations and wicked influences in these perilous times. To bear out the truth in Paul's statement, a high school counselor with a number of educational degrees said: "I discovered that the Bible's counsel on such things as having a successful marriage, preventing juvenile delinquency and how to gain and keep friends is far superior to anything I had read or studied in college." Parents who take the time to read the Bible with the family each day are also fulfilling the command given at Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

5 Parents who are concerned about the spiritual growth of the family appreciate the importance of helping their children to get the most out of congregation meetings. To help their very young daughter benefit from the weekly *Watchtower* study, a couple noticed that there was usually a picture in each magazine by which she could remember what she had learned at the meeting. So they referred to these pictures and had many delightful discussions with her, even telling her bedtime stories thereby.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

6 When it comes to relaxation and entertainment, parents who are concerned about the spiritual development of the family will wisely guard against the insidious encroachment of the spirit of the world. For example, many family members admit that they feel farther apart when they spend too much time viewing television. Some even say that television is the main cause of the communication gap that exists in many families. Interestingly, some families have set aside certain "NO TV" evenings for family discussions, reading, or other types of recreation that involve the entire family, and have found the family atmosphere greatly improved.

7 It surely is a course of wisdom to follow Bible guidelines to keep our families united in these "critical days." This contributes toward family happiness. A happy, united family ascribes glory and strength to its Founder, Jehovah God.—Ps. 96:7.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 3-9
How Would You:

1. Introduce new Topic for Conversation?
2. Involve householder in consideration of scriptures?
3. Offer presentation?

NOVEMBER 10-16
What Good Is Accomplished:

1. When people are not interested?
2. Even when people are not at home?
3. When all we can do is sound a warning?

NOVEMBER 17-23
How May a Bible Study Be Started:

1. In the "Bible Stories" book?
2. In publication householder already has?
3. In the "Good News" booklet or another?

NOVEMBER 24-30
Why Should We Not:

1. Argue with opposers?
2. Always take issue with wrong statements?
3. Show irritation at householder?

Special Series of "Happiness" Talks

[1] How delighted we are to have the new book, *Happiness—How to Find It*. Many quickly read through this new publication shortly after receiving it, but in order for all to get a firm grasp on this excellent information about true happiness and how to find it, a

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Dependability—A Mark of Faithfulness!

[1] We all depend on many things in life. We need food and water, and air to breathe. We are thankful for friends or family we can depend on.

[2] But most of all we are dependent on Jehovah, as He is the Life-Giver. We have come to appreciate also that it is through the "faithful and discreet slave" class that Jehovah provides us with spiritual food "at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45-47) We are glad Jehovah has built up an organization of faithful servants throughout the earth who are willing to shoulder the load of directing the Kingdom interests in 97 branch offices and who work hard to print and distribute the spiritual food through this organization.

FAITHFUL EXAMPLES

[3] As we examine the Bible record we find examples of many men and women who were dependable and showed their faithfulness to Jehovah. Think of Moses. Remember the many ways he showed both his faith and dependability in Jehovah's service. (Heb. 11:27-29) Did not he and his brother Aaron return to Pharaoh time after time with the message that Jehovah commanded until they finally were told to appear no more on pain of death? (Ex. 10:11, 28) Was he not faithful in overseeing the building of the tabernacle just as Jehovah directed? And did not Moses faithfully stand before the people to judge them until Jehovah showed the way to give him assistance? —Ex. 18:13, 25, 26.

[4] Others we could point to as examples of dependability are Mark and Timothy. Although John Mark at one time turned back from accompanying his brothers on an evangelizing trip, thus raising questions about his dependability, he later showed himself to be both useful and dependable, even being privileged later to write one of the Gospels.—Acts 13:13; 2 Tim. 4:11.

[5] Timothy also, though a young man, zealously followed the directions given him by his older brother Paul in carrying on the preaching work.—2 Cor. 1:18-20.

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Congregation Meetings—Part I

[1] How important are congregation meetings to you? How important is it to Jehovah that his people congregate before him regularly? Is your view of the meetings the same as his? He tells us how he feels about this aspect of our worship at Deuteronomy 4:10. (Read.)

[2] Jehovah directed those meetings through his holy angels. But today he is dealing with us through his mighty archangel enthroned at his right side. "That is why it is necessary for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard by us. . . . For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm . . . how shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord?" (Heb. 2:1-4) When we view our divine instruction from this lofty plane, it is little wonder that Paul later in this same letter said what he did at Hebrews 10:25. (Read.)

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

[3] Starting in January a slight change is being made in the length of the Theocratic School and service meeting. Each of the two meetings will be 45 minutes in length, *not including the songs and prayers*. This may help some elders and ministerial servants who need a little more time to care for their duties and responsibilities after these meetings. Others may find it helpful if they depend on public transportation. (Please see announcement on page 3 regarding arrangement for these meetings when circuit overseer visits congregation.)

[4] With these meetings being somewhat shorter, each of us will want to be better prepared to realize the greatest possible spiritual benefits. Elders in particular will be conscious of their teaching so all go away edified. The Sermon on the Mount was a short meeting, but what powerful teaching was demonstrated in that little time! Do you and your family have a set time to go over the material to be covered in these meetings?

SUPPORT CONGREGATION MEETINGS

[5] *CONGREGATION BOOK STUDY:* In January we will start studying the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*. This 416-page book, published in 1973, contains vital information that is even more apropos now than when it was

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 2

12 min: Song 99. Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Service* and local announcements. Discuss Psalm 22:22 in introducing part on program.

25 min: "Congregation Meetings—Part I." Question-and-answer discussion. Have qualified reader on platform sum up each paragraph. Elder handling part should get figures on meeting attendance from congregation records and analyze with audience when discussing paragraphs 5-9. Friends should be commended. Is there an area where improvement is needed? If so, what are some problems hindering some from attending? When considering paragraph 4, let some tell how and when they prepare for Theocratic School and service meeting. Emphasize that only a few minutes may be needed for this each week in addition to the Bible reading assignment.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—With *My Book of Bible Stories.*" Talk and discussion with audience. Let some in audience explain how they plan to present the book and what they will feature. If some have had an interesting experience when placing the *Bible Stories* book in the past, you may entertain one or two. Have pioneer or other qualified publisher demonstrate new Topic for Conversation.

5 min: Song 81 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 9

5 min: Song 75 and local announcements.

12 min: Consider Stories 55 and 110 from the *Bible Stories* book with a group of children. Highlight the privilege young Samuel had of being a spokesman for God. Also, emphasize wonderful work that Timothy shared in by giving of himself and traveling with the apostle Paul.

20 min: "How Do You View Your Parents?" The following material is based on chapter 10 of the *Youth* book. Certain paragraphs from that chapter are cited after the questions below, which should assist brothers in preparing comments. Elder with this part may assign youths beforehand scriptures to be read. Encourage youths to participate in discussion. Please pose the following questions, have texts read and discussed. Who has the responsibility of teaching and training children, and according to whose rules? (Eph. 6:4) If the parents of a young person are not serving Jehovah, must they still be respected and obeyed? Why? (par. 4) What are some of the things your parents have done for you from the time you were a baby until now? (pars. 5, 6) How can you show that you appreciate what they do? (Eph. 6:1, 2) Do parents ever make mistakes? (Rom. 5:12) How should you view mistakes made by your parents? (Matt. 6:14, 15) According to God, who has the final decision in matters pertaining to the family? (Col. 3:20) Why is this so important? (par. 10) Since God has given parents the responsibility of training their children, what do parents have the right to impose on their children concerning dress, associations, and so forth? (Prov. 6:20) How did Jesus show respect for this God-given arrangement? (Gal. 4:1, 2) How does Jehovah view the matter of disobedience to parents? (Prov. 30:17; par. 11) What are some of the rewards for obedience now and in the future? (Gal. 6:7; pars. 13, 14; Prov. 3:1, 2)

18 min: This part may be arranged locally according to needs, or talk may be given on article "Why 'Be in Subjection'?" from *Watchtower* of May 15, 1980.

5 min: Ask all to bring book *Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom* to meeting next week. Prepare from page 162, paragraph 6, through page 166, paragraph 16. Song 94 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 16

8 min: Song 118, local announcements and accounts report.

18 min: Our Position in the Dividing of Kingdom Supporters from Nonsupporters. Discussion by qualified teacher with congregation of highlights of material in *Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom,* page 162, paragraph 6, through page 166, paragraph 16. Highlight difference in position, but unity of work done by King's "brothers" and "sheep" class. Paragraph 6: How and by whom are the nations being put on notice? How do scriptures indicate this?—2 Cor. 5:20; Isa. 43:9.

Paragraphs 7, 8: Read and discuss Matthew 25:31-33. When and on what basis does this separating work take place?

Paragraphs 9, 10: Read and discuss Matthew 25:34, 35. Whom do the sheeplike ones who are separated to the King's right hand picture? What did Jesus show them as doing?

Paragraphs 11-13: Read Matthew 25:37-40. Whom did Jesus refer to as "my brothers"? How do "sheep" show their support of the King's "brothers"? What circumstances have the King's "brothers" had to endure?

Paragraphs 14, 15: How are the sheeplike Kingdom supporters rewarded? What must each one do to show he is a Kingdom supporter? See also page 173, paragraph 31.

Paragraph 16: How do "sheep" "inherit the Kingdom"? How is hope of the King's "brothers" different? How can our congregation show we are Kingdom supporters?

10 min: Service overseer conducts discussion on how to follow up placements of *My Book of Bible Stories* with group of brothers and sisters who are active and effective in return visit work. We can offer to demonstrate the use of this publication in studying with children in the family, preferably while father or mother attends, so they will see how to teach their own children. Some are using book for studies with adults, using as basis for discussion the scriptures at the end of the story. Show how this can be done. If householder prefers something else, offer to study from a book or booklet of your choice, such as *"This Good News of the Kingdom."* With the many placements of *My Book of Bible Stories,* a practical and realistic follow-up by congregation should be planned.

17 min: Audience discussion of "Dependability—A Mark of Faithfulness!" Some can be assigned to read or comment briefly on scriptures shown. Be sure to read paragraphs six and seven.

7 min: Encourage congregation to show themselves 'supporters of the Kingdom' by sharing in field service on weekend. Song 54 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 23

5 min: Song 114 and local announcements.

25 min: "Shake the Dust off Your Feet." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Look up all cited scriptures as time allows and discuss.

15 min: Experiences. "How I Got the Truth." Elder interviews two or three individuals or families. Especially give consideration to favorable impression made by Witness who called on them because of mild and pleasant manner in dealing with them. Tie in impression made with information presented in previous part. It is preferred that those interviewed do not read or memorize what they are going to say. Elder can skillfully ask questions and draw out information.

15 min: Talk on article "Special Series of 'Happiness' Talks." Song 14 and prayer.

"Happiness" Talks ***(Cont'd)***

series of eight talks will be presented during January and February, 1981. The titles for these talks are set out below.

1—"Where to Look for Happiness" (Chap. 1-3)
2—"Help in Coping with Life's Problems" (Chap. 4-6)
3—"How to Find Success in Family Life" (Chap. 7, 8)
4—"A Healthier, Happier Life—How?" (Chap. 9, 10)
5—"You Can Overcome Sickness and Death" (Chap. 11-13)
6—"What Reason to Hope for a Better Future?" (Chap. 14, 15)
7—"A Christian View of Government and Law" (Chap. 16, 17)
8—"Will You Worship God in HIS Way?" (Chap. 18-20)

[2] Similar to last year's arrangements, there will be no outlines provided for these talks. This is the only notice that congregations will receive on this matter. Each congregation should immediately make definite arrangements for this series to be presented. Qualified speakers should be assigned talks and in some cases capable ministerial servants may be used if needed. Since some congregations may have a limited number of capable speakers, neighboring congregations may wish to stagger the starting date of the series of talks, one beginning January 4 and the other on January 11. Thus, even with a limited number of qualified speakers, the same brother could give the same talk in each congregation and the sequence would be maintained in the order as listed above.

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"Shake the Dust off Your Feet"

[1] What did Jesus mean by the words "shake the dust off your feet"? Just before saying this he gave detailed instructions as to what the disciples should and should not do or take with them in the preaching work. Then he spoke the words recorded at Matthew 10:11-15.

[2] First, they were to search out those who were "deserving." But how were the disciples to treat those who did not receive them favorably? Jesus told them to 'shake the dust off their feet' and go on their way. This means that they would get on with their work of declaring the "good news" and not waste time in angry disputes that would only irritate the householder and rob the disciple of his peace and joy.—Matt. 10:13; Acts 13:50-52.

[3] In Luke 9:5 Jesus said to "shake the dust off your feet for a witness against them." Our role is to provide a witness about the Kingdom and to warn people of impending destruction at Armageddon. If our message is rejected, we peacefully depart, leaving that house or city to the consequences that will come by Jehovah's hand.

BE MILD-TEMPERED AND RESPECTFUL

[4] Peter wrote: "But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense before everyone that demands of you a reason for the hope in you, but doing so together with a mild temper and deep respect." (1 Pet. 3:15) These words reveal the mental attitude we should have.

[5] The following experience shows the wisdom of pursuing peace and not retaliating. "A young brother and I walked up a driveway to call on a home while working house to house one morning. When we were about half way up the driveway, the man of the house burst out of the front door yelling for us to get off his property and telling us that he wanted nothing of what we had. The boy and I stood motionless until he had finished and we turned and walked back to the street without making any reply whatsoever. We went across the street and talked to a woman for some time, possibly a half hour.

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Congregation Meetings (*Cont'd*)

first released. Think of the hundreds of thousands of new ones who have been baptized since it was first published. All of us, old or new in the faith, will benefit greatly from the spiritual "meat" contained in this book.

[6] *SERVICE MEETING:* The service meeting is directly related to our preaching and disciple-making work. The more field service oriented we are, the more meaningful this meeting will be to us. Some take notes on exceptional field points and other information gleaned from the meeting and then use them in the various features of their field service. Our work is twofold: We *sound a warning* as well as search for sheeplike ones. Future service meetings will reflect this additional reason for our preaching. Let the service meetings motivate you to increased sacred service.

[7] *THEOCRATIC SCHOOL:* As mentioned last month in *Our Kingdom Service,* the school has been revised for 1981. All will benefit from the counsel that will be given following the student talks and each student will have better in mind just where he needs to improve. This is helpful even to those in the audience who will be giving talks in the future as they may need to improve along the same line. The school will be reduced to a total of four talks each week to accommodate the shorter meeting. With a total of eight minutes to be used for discussion of the Bible reading assignment, this important aspect of the school will receive added emphasis. This is truly a time when Jehovah congregates his people together that they may hear his words.

[8] *"WATCHTOWER" STUDY:* The *Watchtower* study could be likened to the main entrée of a finely prepared, five-course meal. It contains the solid food we all need to withstand trials and pressures. Are there any who are not experiencing such? Who then can afford to miss even one *Watchtower* study? Remember, neglecting our spirituality intensifies most problems! Remain firm in the faith. Attend regularly.

[9] *PUBLIC TALK:* The Society plans to provide some new public talk outlines in March for those who are used as public speakers in the congregations. These will provide fresh information in line with the needs of God's people.

[10] We look forward to coming issues of *Our Kingdom Service* with additional information on each of the five congregation meetings.

Announcements

● New Publications Available:

Choosing the Best Way of Life —Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish
Good News—to Make You Happy —Arabic, Cibemba, Tswana, Twi
Happiness—How to Find It —German
Holy Spirit—The Force Behind the Coming New Order! —Czech
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —Bulgarian, Samoan, Turkish
Your Youth—Getting the Best out of It —Croatian
A Secure Future—How You Can Find It —Chinese
Is There a God Who Cares? —Chinese
Study Questions for the Book *Is This Life All There Is?* —Dutch
There Is Much More to Life! —Chinese

● When ordering the *1981 Yearbook,* publishers and pioneers are requested to do so through the congregation. Orders for the *Yearbook* in the following languages may be placed after the dates here listed: November 15, 1980 English; December 15, 1980 French, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish; February 1, 1981 Dutch, German, Japanese, Korean. PAYMENT SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY ORDERS. Congregation accounts will be charged at the rate of $1.00 each for publishers. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1980, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit. Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 25 cents each.

● The August issue of *Our Kingdom Service* on page 4 outlined that during the circuit overseer's visit there would be an adjustment in the Theocratic School and service meeting. This adjustment remains in effect except that Assignment No. 1 will be 15 minutes in length, rather than 20 as formerly, and the highlights from the Bible reading for the week will be 8 minutes in length, rather than 6, as formerly. There will be no student talks that week. Thus with the circuit overseer's one-half hour talk and the regular service meeting conducted for 45 minutes, the whole program, including songs and prayers, should not exceed about one hour and 55 minutes, beginning January 1, 1981.

● Literature offer for November: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.50. December: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and the book *Happiness—How to Find It* for $3.10. January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50. February: One of the 192-page books you have in stock locally. Use any except *Happiness* or *Truth* books.

● Congregation secretary should send the Pioneer Information Report form (S-207) to the Society immediately if he has not already done so. This must be sent in even if there are no pioneers in the congregation.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life:*

November 2: Pages 125* to 133*
November 9: Pages 133* to 139
November 16: Pages 140 to 147
November 23: Pages 148 to 153
November 30: Pages 154 to 161*

* To or from subheading.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With "My Book of Bible Stories"

1 "Only watch out for yourself . . . that you may not forget the things that your eyes have seen and that they may not depart from your heart all the days of your life; and you must make them known to your sons and to your grandsons." (Deut. 4:9) With those words, Jehovah was preparing his people to enter into the Promised Land. Yes, it was not only important for the adults 'not to forget the things' Jehovah had done, but also important that the sons and grandsons be taught. Is it any different today as we stand at the threshold of a far grander Promised Land, God's new order?

2 What a marvelous instrument Jehovah has provided to help us 'watch out for ourselves' and also to use in teaching our 'sons and grandsons.' We speak of *My Book of Bible Stories,* now printed in 35 languages. The stories of what Jehovah has done in the past must not depart from the hearts of our children all the days of their lives.

3 Many have said that this book is the easiest one to offer of any we have ever had. Perhaps that is why it has reached the remarkable circulation figure of over 13 million copies in just two years. Obviously many who are not Jehovah's Witnesses are interested in giving spiritual help to their sons and grandsons.

4 We can assist them by presenting *My Book of Bible Stories* in field service during November. What have you found to be the best way to present it? While it is true that we are placing an attractive book on a remarkably low contribution, we do not want that to be the chief aspect of our presentation, do we? We want to highlight the spiritual benefits of the offer. How can we accomplish this?

5 Our Topic for Conversation shows two basic reasons why the Bible was written, namely (1) to sound a warning and (2) to make you wise for salvation. You might say: "Hello, we are calling today to help people understand why the Bible was written. Have you ever wondered about that? [Allow response.] One reason that some are not aware of is to sound a warning. That is the thought expressed here at 1 Corinthians 10:11. [Read.] God's warnings are not to frighten but to move people to seek salvation, a second reason why the Bible was written. Second Timothy 3:15 helps us to appreciate that young and old alike need the Holy Writings for salvation. [Read.] Let me show you an example of the happy salvation foretold by one Bible writer, Isaiah, here in one of the stories in this book, *My Book of Bible Stories."* Turn to Story 71 and read first and last paragraphs. Offer the book.

6 You may encounter some who already have the *Bible Stories* book. What then? Why not offer to study it with them and the family? There is also the possibility of placing some other appropriate Bible study aid.

7 Have you thought of offering the *Bible Stories* book to people on the street? Many have and some have had fine results.

8 Let all of us assist others during November to know why the Bible was written by offering *My Book of Bible Stories* on a contribution of $2.50.

Dependability . . . *(Cont'd)*

SHOWING OUR DEPENDABILITY

6 In line with our dedication, are we dependable in our field activity? If we are elders and ministerial servants and are privileged to give instruction to the congregation through a part on the meeting or to take the lead in the field service, do we show ourselves dependable? It is important that we do so as Luke 16:10 shows.

7 When we enroll in the Theocratic School, can we be depended on to take the talks assigned to us? And when we speak about the truth is it according to accurate knowledge and the fine instruction we have received through Jehovah's loyal organization?—2 Tim. 1:13.

8 When it comes to cleaning the Kingdom Hall, can we be depended on? Do we uphold the decisions of the elders, appreciating that their appointment is in harmony with the direction given in God's Word through holy spirit? Are we on time for theocratic appointments? Do we turn in our field service and Bible study reports promptly? Do we support the Kingdom Hall as the center of true worship in our area, contributing to keep it in good condition?

9 Surely we all want to be found dependable both by Jehovah and by our brothers. Just as we depend on Jehovah to supply our daily needs, along with spiritual food and guidance, we want to be used by Him in a way so that others can depend on us in time of need. —1 Pet. 4:10, 11.

"Shake the Dust . . ." *(Cont'd)*

When we came out from her house, the *previously violent* man was standing at the end of his driveway waiting for us. We expected another tirade. Instead, he had regained his composure, was very mild and apologized for the way he had spoken to us. We feel this sudden change in his attitude was due to the fact that we did not retaliate."—Rom. 12:17, 18.

6 Regardless of how bitter or indifferent individuals may be, they cannot rob us of our joy and peace if we maintain a proper mental attitude and fine Christian conduct.

MAKE FIELD SERVICE A PLEASURE

7 Due to not having this right mental attitude, some have been discouraged. Some adjustment in thinking may be needed. Be positive. Present the Kingdom message in a kindly and friendly manner. If people listen and respond, it is to their benefit. If not, you have provided a warning.—Ezek. 33:9.

8 Many of those whom we contact in the territory do not want to serve Jehovah. (Matt. 7:13) Those who are deserving will manifest themselves. Hence, continue displaying loving-kindness, mildness, and even maintaining silence when necessary. As the occasion demands, "shake the dust off your feet," symbolically speaking, knowing that Jehovah, Jesus Christ and the holy angels are witnesses to your faithful work. —Matt. 24:14; Ezek. 33:33.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why the Bible Was Written

1 Cor. 10:11—Sounds a warning.

2 Tim. 3:15—Makes wise for salvation.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	551	109.3	84.3	40.1	4.6
Pios.	16,453	65.3	50.4	25.1	3.1
Aux. Pios.	16,316	58.7	45.1	16.9	1.4
Pubs.	531,989	8.7	8.8	3.6	.4
TOTAL	565,309				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,406

The total of 565,309 publishers for August is a peak for the past service year. What a fine way in which to close out the 1980 service year! In fact, August saw the highest number of publishers reporting since November 1975 when there was an all-time peak of 577,362 in the field. We are all greatly encouraged by this evidence of Jehovah's blessing to keep pressing forward in making known the Kingdom good news and sounding the divine warning.

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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 1-7

What talking points will you feature when offering:

1. The "Happiness" book?
2. The "New World Translation"?

DECEMBER 8-14

When working with another publisher:

1. How do you include your companion in the conversation?
2. How can you help each other?

DECEMBER 15-21

What will you say when:

1. You receive a holiday greeting?
2. You are asked why you do not celebrate?

DECEMBER 22-28

What usually helps:

1. To make you feel more relaxed and informal when greeting the householder?
2. To have the householder respond in the same way?

DECEMBER 29–JANUARY 4

What are:

1. Some good talking points in the latest "Watchtower"?
2. Some good reasons why the householder should subscribe?

1981 Memorial Observance

The Memorial celebration for 1981 will take place after sundown, Sunday, April 19. That will be a day when all should be especially interested in getting out into the field service and inviting new ones to assemble with us for that special occasion. Wherever possible, we recommend that each congregation arrange to have the Memorial celebration in its own Kingdom Hall

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Keep On Speaking God's Word with Boldness

1 "I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things." (Matt. 28:20) Those words of Jesus provide a great encouragement for Jehovah's Witnesses to continue speaking God's word with boldness.

2 In the first century, the apostles of Jesus spoke God's word with boldness. They had been instructed about God's kingdom and the role of Jesus in God's purpose. They knew they had a responsibility before God to bear witness and they did it boldly. They realized that because of the opposition to the message, they would encounter persecution. Jesus had mentioned to them that they should expect it.—John 15:20.

3 Realizing the powerful effect that the message would have upon individuals, the apostles and disciples in the first century risked their lives to get the message preached so that all could hear about Jesus. In Acts chapter four, it is noted that the apostles were very forceful in making their defense before rulers. Realizing the importance of their message, they earnestly prayed to Jehovah to give them strength to continue preaching. Verse 29 states: "And now, Jehovah, give attention to their threats, and grant your slaves to keep speaking your word with all boldness." What then happened? Verse 31 says: "And when they had made supplication, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were one and all filled with the holy spirit and were speaking the word of God with boldness." What faith!

4 Their speaking God's word with boldness did not mean that they became self-reliant, presumptuous or stubborn. Instead, they were motivated by love. They had overcome their fears and had confidence because they knew they were doing God's will. We need that same boldness today and we can ask ourselves a very important question: Is it characteristic of us?

SPEAKING BOLDLY TODAY

5 What does it mean to speak God's word with boldness? It means to be confident, wholly assured that what we are doing is backed up by Jehovah. That being the case, there is a threefold reason why we should be bold: (1) We know what we teach is from the Bible and we know it is the truth;

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART II

The Importance of the Congregation Book Study

1 Each member of the congregation can derive great personal benefit from the congregation book study arrangement. In some respects, it provides benefits that do not directly come through some other provision of the congregation. Why is that so?

2 It is because the congregation book study arrangement not only provides a careful and detailed study of Bible subjects, but also incorporates personal assistance and shepherding benefits, along with counsel, encouragement and direction for carrying out our individual responsibilities in the Kingdom-preaching work.

BENEFITS OF THE BOOK STUDY

3 Basically, the book study arrangement provides a means for everyone in the congregation to take in vital Bible knowledge. The conductor is himself a student of God's Word. He is qualified to help each one not only to increase in Bible knowledge, but also to apply it in a practical way.

4 With regard to our individual effort in connection with the study, the principle set forth by Jesus as recorded at Acts 20:35 applies, namely: "There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving." Thorough individual preparation and a willingness to share in the group discussion make for a lively study that brings great benefit to everyone attending.

5 The book study arrangement is also a means by which Jehovah carries out his promise to render needed personal assistance to all of his spiritual flock. (Isa. 40:10, 11) The brother assigned as conductor is usually an elder. As a shepherd he is particularly concerned with 'knowing the appearance of the flock.' (Prov. 27:23) As he becomes better acquainted with you, he can give attention to your spiritual needs. His efforts may contribute toward building up your spiritual strength.

6 Finally, the book study arrangement plays a vital role in advancing the Kingdom-preaching

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 30

10 min: Song 29 and local announcements.

22 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *Happiness* Book." Discuss article with congregation and demonstrate variety of presentations as suggested in article or others that would be effective in local territory. Demonstrate using current Topic for Conversation highlighting presentation of Bible. Also demonstration featuring *Happiness* book. Call particular attention to three major sections of book that will aid publishers in making presentation to persons with differing points of view and varying interests. Consider suggestions from publishers as time permits.

23 min: Teaching with the *Happiness* Book. Animated talk with practical demonstrations. Placements should open the way for return visits and productive discussions, leading into home Bible studies. Distinctive features of the book are designed for this purpose. Also the book provides encouragement and help toward personal application of what is learned.

First, the vivid illustrations are valuable teaching aids. How could these be used? (Demonstrate starting Bible discussion on return visit using one or more of the illustrations.) Discussion of information is encouraged at the beginning of each chapter with the expression "POINT FOR DISCUSSION" that introduces questions at the bottom of the page. Using fewer questions, each of which involves a number of paragraphs, attention is focused on major points rather than mere details. Those answering will be encouraged to express thoughts in their own words rather than just repeating words found in the paragraphs. (Demonstrate, using first chapter.)

Another helpful feature of the book is that it directly introduces suggestions to the student. (Demonstrate this feature as it could be used in conducting a home Bible study. See pages 25, 50, 102, 130, and others.)

Get comments from audience as to how some of them may have already used the book in conducting studies or otherwise in field service.

5 min: Song 97 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 7

7 min: Song 51. Accounts report.

15 min: Question-and-answer discussion of the article "Keep On Speaking God's Word with Boldness."

18 min: Talk by an elder on the article "Are We Making the Best Use of Magazines?" On paragraph 4 get comments from the audience on each of the five points and what they are doing personally or could do. (It may be some will have good experiences to offer showing how they have carried out one or more of the five points mentioned.)

12 min: Prepare locally, or elder may give talk on article "Security Now and Forever" in *Watchtower* of September 1, 1980, pp. 5-7.

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage audience to read the article "Meeting the Challenge of Inflation," in the insert before next week's service meeting. Song 4 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 14

10 min: Song 70 and Announcements. Discuss any plans locally for increased activity during the holiday period. Invite comments on the question: How can you respond when individuals offer a holiday greeting? Remind audience to bring the *Organization* book to the meeting next week.

12 min: Talk by elder on article "The Importance of the Congregation Book Study." Emphasize spiritual benefits, urging wholehearted support. Let some tell how they have benefited over the years. Offer suggestions that may assist more to attend. Briefly point out highlights of the *ka* book soon to be studied.

10 min: Discuss "Question Box."

23 min: Question-and-answer discussion of insert from paragraphs 1 through 19. Consider pertinent scriptures cited as time permits. No need to read paragraphs.

5 min: Song 57 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 21

8 min: Song 48 and local announcements.

10 min: Prepare locally or discuss article "Do You Find Entertaining What God Hates?", August 1, 1980, *Watchtower*, pp. 28-30.

15 min: The Importance of the Christian Congregation. Scriptural discussion. Source material: *Aid* book, pp. 371, 372, subheading "Organization of the Christian Congregation." Also, *Organization* book, pp. 8-11. (1) How did the apostles and older men serve in the first century? (Acts 15:1, 2, 28, 30, 31) (2) From when did the "faithful and discreet slave" start operating? (Luke 12:42-44) (3) Who constitute the "faithful and discreet slave" today? (4) What is the Scriptural basis for the functions of the governing body today? (Acts 16:4, 5) (5) From where are members of the governing body chosen? (6) How are elders and ministerial servants appointed today? (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9) (7) Is Jehovah using more than one organization today? (Eph. 4:4, 5) (8) Is he using individuals apart from his organization? (Eph. 3:10) (9) How can we show appreciation for the organization today?

22 min: Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 20 through 36. Following discussion of material in paragraphs 31-35, qualified brother should read each of these paragraphs.

5 min: Song 65 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 28

10 min: Song 38 and local announcements. Mention coming series of talks on the *Happiness* book.

20 min: Elder talks with group of young people of varying ages using chapter 16 of the *Youth* book. They express their views about their need for recreation and entertainment frankly but avoid critical remarks about their parents or elders. Elder is sympathetic; recalls struggles he experienced himself during his teenage years. Reminds them of the need to be guided by Bible principles rather than personal desires.—Prov. 16:25; 2 Tim. 2:22.

Elder asks some questions, inviting the group to express themselves extemporaneously: (1) Is it wrong to participate in sports? What makes some entertainment harmful? (2) What does the Bible say about "bodily training"? When is it beneficial? What pitfalls must be avoided? Why is it wise to keep balanced? (3) How can movies and television sometimes serve a useful purpose? When do they become a snare? How could you be influenced toward wrong conduct? (4) In such matters, what does it mean to be "selective"? What are some forms of recreation that can be refreshing without being detrimental? What always should be our chief objective in life? (For additional suggestions, see January 22, 1979, *Awake!*, pp. 3-12.)

Invite audience to tell about field service arrangements that have benefited them individually or as a family.

10 min: Discuss "Questions from Readers" from August 15, 1980, *Watchtower*, pp. 30, 31.

20 min: Discuss importance of *The Watchtower*. It contains vital spiritual food for dedicated ones as well as timely information for newly interested ones and others. Consider points to use in featuring latest issue to people in field service on the coming weekend. Point out that it is only by offering the subscription that we will get subscriptions. Where people do not subscribe, try to place the latest issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Take written note of anyone who obtains magazines and plan to return in two weeks with new issues, in this way starting a magazine route for regular delivery of the magazines. Include in consideration how to fill out subscription slips. Encourage all to share in service on first Sunday of January. Song 40 and prayer.

Congregation Meetings . . . (*Cont'd*)

work in the congregation's assigned territory. Arrangements are made for all to have a full share in this sacred service. As one who takes the lead in the field, the conductor aids the group as a whole and encourages each individual to share regularly in the work.

7 Cooperating in all these arrangements results in a book study group that is closely knit together. And by doing all things out of love for one another the brothers display the identifying mark of true disciples of Jesus.—John 13:35.

BE DETERMINED TO ATTEND

8 Many of us still vividly recall the delightful experience, in 1974, of studying through the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*. Although the book was published seven years ago, the value of the information it contains has not diminished.

9 The hundreds of thousands of persons who have come into the truth since this outstanding book was published will especially be strengthened by this information. Indeed, all of us should grow in faith and have our hope strengthened by attending the congregation book study during the year ahead. Why not resolve not to miss a single study, beginning with the week of January 4, 1981.

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MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF INFLATION

Fulfilling our commission to preach "this good news of the kingdom" despite the economic crisis

1 When the disciples were sent out in the first century to preach the electrifying message, "The kingdom of the heavens has drawn near," they were given some specific instructions concerning financial support of their work. "Do not procure gold or silver or copper for your girdle purses," Jesus said, "or a food pouch for the trip, or two undergarments, or sandals or a staff." (Matt. 10:7-10) Their undistracted attention was to focus on spiritual matters, the giving of a thorough witness concerning God's kingdom. If they put Kingdom interests first in their lives, their material needs would be provided. "The worker is worthy of his wages."—Matt. 6:32, 33; Luke 10:4, 7.

2 In modern times it has been the same with Jehovah's people, as the history of the last 100 years shows. Rather than soliciting funds or sponsoring money-making schemes for the building of great cathedrals and ornate palaces for a clergy class, Jehovah's people have put the emphasis on comforting depressed mankind with the glorious message of God's kingdom by Christ Jesus—the only hope of the world. (Matt. 12:21) This Scriptural viewpoint of priorities was clearly set out in the second issue (August 1879) of the Society's official publication. There it was stated: "'Zion's Watch Tower' has, we believe, JEHOVAH for its backer, and while this is the case it will never *beg* nor *petition* men for support. When He who says: 'All the gold and silver of the mountains are mine,' fails to provide necessary funds, we will understand it to be time to suspend the publication."

3 This policy has served well as our guideline ever since. "Seats Free—No Collections" has always been the slogan wherever we have held our meetings, and Jehovah has added his blessing. In modern times, as in the first century, our preaching work has been supported in large measure by unsolicited and wholly voluntary contributions. (Rom. 15:26; 2 Cor. 9:13) In this respect Brother Russell himself took the lead. He closed out his partnership with his father and spent his personal fortune of a quarter-million dollars in the Kingdom work. Many other faithful ones with similar devotion to Jehovah followed this example.

PUBLICITY OF THE KINGDOM BY PRINTED PAGE

4 Early Christians were not content just with telling others the "good news" by word of mouth. They set about to duplicate copies of the Scriptures and to distribute them far and wide. More than just making copies of conventional scrolls, those early Christians are credited with producing the Scriptures in codex form, books, if you please, with individual pages for easy reading as opposed to the older and more cumbersome scrolls. Yes, in a figurative sense 'Christianity went to press' back there in the first century.

5 So, too, in the 1800's, when the Kingdom-preaching work got started, it was not surprising that the brothers began distributing great quantities of the "good news" in printed form. Millions of copies of *The Object and Manner of the Lord's Return* and other tracts were widely distributed. By 1884 over a million copies of *Food for Thinking Christians* had been placed with the people, free of charge. The first volume (356 pages) of the "Millennial Dawn" series (later known as *Studies in the Scriptures*) was published in 1886. After that, during the next 40 years, six million copies of these volumes were put out in a number of languages.

6 As the work increased it became necessary to obtain larger quarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (in 1889). This building was known as the "Bible House" and it served as the Society's headquarters for the next 20 years.

7 An important feature of the work back there, and one that contributed to the expansion of the Kingdom preaching, was sending out a large number of colporteurs and evangelists with financial support. These are known today as "pioneers." Then in 1897 the "pilgrim" work began. Those traveling representatives visited the ever-growing number of congregations on a regular basis in order to build up and strengthen their brothers spiritually. Today the same work is accomplished by the nearly three thousand circuit and district overseers, supported, in part, by the Society.

8 Around the turn of the century foreign branches began to be established in Great Britain, Germany, Australia, and so forth. It seemed advisable with this overseas expansion of the work to move the headquarters of the Society to a seaport city. So in 1909 property was purchased in Brooklyn, New York, and the headquarters were moved there from Pittsburgh.

9 A history-making venture in sound/motion pictures got underway in 1912. From January 1914 halls were packed out and crowds were turned away as the completed "Photo-Drama of

Creation" began to be shown without charge throughout the world in a number of languages.

10 Several months after it began showing, World War I broke out in Europe on July 28, 1914. What would this mean for the work of Jehovah's people? For 40 years the Kingdom message had been preached at a tremendous expense in time and money on the part of Jehovah's dedicated people. Around 10,000,000 books and booklets and many millions of tracts had been distributed. So the question was, Would this work now wind down and come to an end? The answer was 'No.' In fact, the following year, in 1915, during a question-and-answer session in Vancouver, Canada, Brother Russell said: "There is a great work to be done, and it will take thousands of brethren and millions in money to do it. Where these will come from I don't know—the Lord knows his own business."

11 How prophetic his words proved to be—'a great work yet to be done that will take thousands of brothers and millions of dollars'! And how true his words, "the Lord knows his own business"! For the Lord Jehovah did provide both the thousands of brothers and the dollars—in his due time, of course.

12 But first, World War I would need to run its course. And in its course fanatical opposition against Jehovah's people was generated. (Rev. 12:12-14) This resulted in an almost complete halt in the Kingdom-preaching work when the Society's officers were imprisoned on false charges in a federal penitentiary in 1918.—Matt. 24:9-12.

REVIVAL OF THE WORK AFTER WORLD WAR I

13 Following the liberation and exoneration of the imprisoned officers of the Society in 1919, the preaching work was quickly resumed. Again, the financial policies that had served Jehovah's people so well as guidelines for more than 40 years were adopted. The attitude was: 'Since Jehovah is the backer, he will supply the funds for what he wishes to be done now.'

14 Up until then the Society had only small job presses of its own. The magazines and books were produced by outside printers. Now it seemed to be Jehovah's will that a rotary magazine press be obtained so that we ourselves could do the printing of *The Watch Tower*. With the purchase of that first rotary press, a companion magazine of *The Watch Tower*, the *Golden Age* (known today as *Awake!*), started publication. The first issue was dated October 1, 1919. After the transfer of the factory to 18 Concord Street, Brooklyn, on March 1, 1922, a second rotary press, a M.A.N. press for printing bound books, was purchased. In the years that followed, with the ever-greater cry for more books and booklets, the Society bought many, many more rotary presses. This in turn meant the building of bigger printing plants. Also larger housing facilities had to be constructed to accommodate the enlarged Bethel families as more manpower was needed to keep up with the increased demand from the field for literature.

15 Looking back, the unfolding of the slogan 'Advertise! Advertise! Advertise! the King and the Kingdom,' at the 1922 Cedar Point, Ohio, convention appears to have been the signal for the Kingdom-preaching work to gain added momentum. Soon the regular house-to-house work by congregation publishers was more fully organized.

16 About the same time the radio began to be used quite extensively to broadcast the Kingdom message. In 1927 Jehovah's people arranged with the National Broadcasting Company for a chain of 53 stations to broadcast a lecture entitled "Freedom for the Peoples." That was the largest single hookup up to that time. This expense was covered, as the many other expenses of the Society, by voluntary contributions on the part of dedicated Witnesses. The next year another history-making event took place when Jehovah's people hooked up 107 radio stations for a single broadcast independent of any radio network. That lecture was entitled "Ruler for the People."

17 At this time the pioneer work was encouraged and literature provided at a low cost to enable them to be full-time ministers. Are we not glad that now more than 125,000 are in this field?

18 Another milestone in the expansion of the proclamation of the "good news" occurred in 1937 with the start of the special pioneer service. These brothers and sisters are given assistance with a small allowance. Beginning with a few hundred, the ranks of special pioneers have grown until today there are more than 14,000 throughout the world. (Ps. 110:3; Heb. 13:15) The support of these special pioneers is borne by the Society. But when the results of their faithful efforts and self-sacrificing devotion are taken into account, when the lives of thousands of people whom they are able to help toward dedication are weighed, it is worth every penny of the contributed dollars that has to be spent to keep these special pioneer ministers in the field!

19 It was in the midst of World War II, in 1943, when Jehovah put it into the minds of his servants to open up the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead. Since then more than 5,800 missionaries have been trained and sent out to the ends of the earth. These missionary ministers entered many lands where there were few, or even no, Witnesses. Now there are many thousands of our brothers and sisters in those places. These faithful missionaries have had a very large part in gathering together a "great crowd" of more than 2,000,000 persons, speaking some 170 languages and living in more than

200 countries around the world. Here is evidence indeed that Jehovah has blessed the contributions given by our brothers. By this means, the Society has been able to support these faithful brothers and sisters.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

20 This is a question often asked by people of this materialistic world. It is no secret. Some of the printing and shipping costs are covered by the contributions received for the literature placed in the field. But monies from this source nowhere near cover the Society's expenses in this inflationary age. These expenses are not just those involving presses and literature materials (paper, ink, cover stocks, shipping costs, and so forth) but they also include the allowances of the special pioneers, missionaries, members of Bethel families and circuit and district overseers. Also high costs are involved as new facilities, new equipment and improved technology are required to continue the expansion of Jehovah's work. Were it not for the additional voluntary contributions made by Jehovah's devoted Witnesses and other individuals it would be impossible to finance the forward movement of this mighty witness throughout the earth in these "last days."—Matt. 24:14.

21 We are reminded of a time in the past when God's devoted servants built in the wilderness the tabernacle around which the worship of Jehovah was centered. Jehovah's people only had to be alerted to the need and they voluntarily contributed more than enough gold, silver, copper, precious stones and other valuables so that the project could be completed. There was no coercion, no raffles, no bingo games, no bazaars or other money-raising schemes employed. Rather, as the record at Exodus chapter 35 shows, the compelling force of Jehovah's spirit acted on the dedicated minds and hearts of the people. The invitation was extended: "Let every willing-hearted one bring it as Jehovah's contribution." (Vs. 5) What was the response? The account tells us: "Then they came, everyone whose heart impelled him, and they brought, everyone whose spirit incited him, Jehovah's contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments." (Vs. 21) "Every man and woman whose hearts incited them to bring something for all the work that Jehovah had commanded to make by means of Moses did so." —Vs. 29.

22 Some 475 years later Jehovah put it in David's heart to build a magnificent temple to Jehovah's praise atop Mount Moriah. Again the invitation was given: "Who is there volunteering to fill his hand today with a gift for Jehovah?" In reply, "the people gave way to rejoicing over their making voluntary offerings, for it was with a complete heart that they made voluntary offerings to Jehovah." The gold alone that was contributed by David himself and by the people would amount at today's inflated prices to something over $7,000,000,000!—1 Chron. 29:5-9.

23 In giving such voluntary support, did the contributors take credit to themselves? Far from it! Note David's praiseworthy attitude. He said: "Who am I and who are my people, that we should retain power to make voluntary offerings like this? For everything is from you [Jehovah], and out of your own hand we have given to you. . . . O Jehovah our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build for you a house for your holy name, from your hand it is, and to you it all belongs. And I well know, O my God, that you are an examiner of the heart, . . . I, for my part, in the uprightness of my heart have voluntarily offered all these things, and now your people who are on hand here I have enjoyed seeing make offerings voluntarily to you." —1 Chron. 29:14-17.

INFLATION—ECONOMIC PLAGUE ON THE WORLD

24 What is the economic situation as we enter the year 1981? Within a short period of time prices of all types of commodities have skyrocketed far beyond the gloomiest predictions of astute economists. The price of gold soared from a mere $35 a few years ago to as much as $800 an ounce. In the U.S.A. gasoline has gone from around 30 cents a gallon to $1.30, while in some countries it is $2, $3 or more a gallon. Air fares have doubled and quadrupled. A ride on the New York subway costs 12 times what it did 32 years ago, and soon may go higher.

25 This galloping inflation has affected practically everything that is needed in a material way to preach this good news of the Kingdom. A case in point: Paper that cost $35 a ton before World War II is now nearly $500 a ton. Postal charges for magazines, and shipping costs for books, are soaring higher and higher. Why, in many countries around the world the Society now runs its own trucking service to the congregations in order to keep magazine costs down within the reach of all classes of persons who so much need the Kingdom literature.

26 With this inflation, there must be some increase in allowances to assist the special pioneers and missionaries in their assignments. Similarly the allowances given to the thousands of members of the Bethel families around the world have been increased several times over the past 30 years to help them keep decently equipped and to care for their transportation to meetings and service.

HOW DOES INFLATION AFFECT OUR WORK?

27 How do we keep the preaching of the "good news" going to all nations? Where does the money come from in order to cover these rising costs of printing and distribution? Well, Jehovah has multiplied the number of his Witnesses many times over during the past 40 years, and with their increased inflationary wages many of them, in turn, increase their unsolicited and voluntary

contributions. Jehovah's people today have the same loving devotion and dedication to his worship and service that they had when the tabernacle in the wilderness and the temple on Mount Moriah were built. To be sure, not all are able to contribute the same amount, nor is there a tithing system in effect. Rather, as among first-century Christians, their contributions are "according to what a person has, not according to what a person does not have." Yes, "if the readiness is there first, it is especially acceptable" in proportion to how Jehovah blesses each one. —2 Cor. 8:12.

28 Because of this Bible principle we find that much of the financial support of the worldwide witness work has come from the brothers in the more affluent nations of the world. Yet, for the most part, the greatest increases in publishers are not in the financially prosperous nations but, rather, among the underprivileged peoples who have little material means.—1 Cor. 1:26-29.

29 Not surprisingly, it has become increasingly difficult to cover the increased cost of paper and shipping and other enormous inflationary costs just from voluntary contributions. Hence, the brothers as well as the public need to contribute more toward the cost of the literature. It is no longer possible to place our bound books on the contributions of former times. It has become necessary to increase these rates to offset to some extent the decreased purchasing power of money.

30 Other economic measures have also been taken by the Society in an effort to combat inflation. As much as we dislike using paper and other materials of lower quality, this has been necessary to some extent under the circumstances. Also the Society has recently purchased offset presses, which cut down on the percentage of waste paper due to their more efficient design. By converting to computerized phototypesetting we will also be able to cut both platemaking and manpower costs. These projects have been expensive initially, but in the long run they should prove economically sound investments.

31 Some branch homes and factories around the world are overcrowded and badly in need of being enlarged. Some building programs have gone ahead, but it has been necessary to postpone others because of soaring construction costs in the past few years. Similarly, money has not been available from the Society for building Kingdom Halls as previously, but it is hoped this will be only temporary.

WILL INFLATION STOP THE WITNESS WORK?

32 Should the long-standing financial policy of the Society be changed or abandoned in order to cope with the world's economic crisis? We think not. We believe the policy is as sound today as when it was first published more than 100 years ago, namely: "When He who says: 'All the gold and silver of the mountains are mine,' fails to provide necessary funds, we will understand it to be time to suspend the publication" of our books and magazines. We are absolutely convinced that this is not the work of any man or group of men. Rather, it is *Jehovah's* work under the direction of his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

33 Inflation may call for adjustments but it will not hinder Jehovah's work, so long as it is His will that "this good news of the kingdom" be preached. On the other hand, by viewing the short supply of money as a challenge, we are attempting to be realistic and to use practical wisdom in tackling the problem. (Prov. 3:21-23) We believe the Lord's people should likewise view the problems of inflation that they are facing in their individual lives. They should not be unduly anxious as worldlings are who say, 'What are we going to eat? Or what are we going to wear? Or where are we going to live?' Never will Jehovah's people have to beg for bread, if they seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness. (Ps. 37:25; Matt. 6:31-34; Luke 21:28) At the same time they should be frugal with their money. They should see where they can cut down spending on unimportant things, avoiding always the spirit of the materialistic world, in order to have money for the necessities of life as well as for things pertaining to the Kingdom and a furthering of its interests.

34 As economic conditions continue to worsen around the earth, Jehovah's people worldwide are indeed to be commended for their generosity and for their support of the Kingdom work, both by their loans and by their contributions. They contribute not only for the building and upkeep of their local Kingdom Halls (and in some areas their circuit assembly halls) but also for the construction of new branch buildings and the purchase of new printing presses and other equipment. More than that, they often contribute toward relief work when disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes strike our brothers in various parts of the world. A recent example of generosity in behalf of distressed brothers was the assistance given in providing for and resettling some 3,000 brothers who came from Cuba to the U.S.A.

35 Though some contributions are very small, like the needy widow's "two small coins of very little value," yet in Jehovah's eyes they are of great value. They add up like many drops in the proverbial bucket to fill it to overflowing to Jehovah's praise.—Luke 21:1-4.

36 As economic conditions in the world continue to worsen in these "last days" we look to Jehovah for continued guidance and direction of the witness work yet to be accomplished. May He continue to supply all the funds necessary and may He give his faithful servants the wisdom from above in their discreet expenditure of the same. May this be to the praise and glory of Jehovah the God who can more than superabundantly supply all that is needed for completing his witness work within the allotted time!—Eph. 3:20, 21.

Are We Making the Best Use of Magazines?

1 We must acknowledge the tremendous good accomplished by our magazines over the years. All of us have benefited in a multitude of ways from the information presented in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* The widespread recognition given them confirms their impact on the public. Not long ago a letter was received from a professor of sociology commenting on an article in *Awake!* that he found particularly interesting. He said: "It was the most scholarly analysis of the 'disco' movement that I had read." A medical doctor commented: "While waiting in a hospital lobby, I got impressed with your magazine *Awake!* and decided to have it every month on a membership basis."

2 You may have noticed, however, that in recent years there has been some decline in the number of copies of the magazines printed and distributed. Is this decline because the articles are less informative, less spiritually upbuilding? Has the format become less appealing? Has the capacity for production been reduced? We must agree that the value, appeal and availability of the magazines have all increased. Why, then, the decline?

3 Though we continue to use the magazines, it is clear that less is being done in distributing them to the public. Some may feel they are designed specifically for Jehovah's people and have only limited value to the public. The response shown over the years confirms that people from all walks of life regard them as a genuine source of comfort. Neglect of public distribution may rob people of their only means to hear the Kingdom message. Appreciating their value to ourselves and others, we have good reason to search out ways to increase distribution locally.

4 Do the following questions give you some ideas on how to increase the distribution of the magazines to those with hearing ears? (1) Do you have a regular order for a sufficient quantity of each issue? (2) Are you magazine conscious, alert to offer them regularly? (3) Could you start a magazine route? (4) Could you plan to use some service time just for magazine distribution? (5) Have you tried using the article "Have You Ever Wondered . . . ?" in *Awake!* as a means to stimulate interest?

5 There may be other ways that you can increase distribution in your local territory. Much depends on our personal appreciation of the contents of the magazines. Are you reading the magazines regularly and getting the benefit you should from them? One can hardly be stimulated to share the magazines with others if he knows nothing about what they contain. Surely the current cost of 10c per copy is very reasonable and with each of us making more of an effort, the distribution of the fine information in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* can be made available to the people in our territory. May Jehovah bless the effort that we put forth.

Keep on Speaking . . . *(Cont'd)*

(2) we know that we are doing a work that Jehovah wants to have done and we have the backing of his spirit; and (3) genuine love moves us to show our devotion to Jehovah and to extend help to our fellowman in this way.

6 Because of the apathetic attitude of people today, sometimes we meet up with indifference in preaching from house to house and also informally. What should we do? We should continue to boldly preach the good news. We may be tempted to hold back when we encounter indifference, but by doing so, we would not be following the example of Jesus and the apostles to speak God's word boldly.

7 In Noah's day, there was indifference and ridicule. We are told to expect similar attitudes today. Noah had a reputation as "a preacher of righteousness." (2 Pet. 2:5) We need to speak God's word with boldness. By doing so, we demonstrate our faithfulness to God and love for neighbor.

8 During December we are presenting the *New World Translation* and the new book released at our "Divine Love" District Convention entitled "Happiness—How to Find It." By preparing well we can boldly declare God's name and kingdom to people in our territories.

9 As we get deeper into the time of the end, our determination should be to continue telling out the good news and sounding the divine warning. Jesus started and finished the work Jehovah gave him to do. (John 17:4) May we be like him, the apostles and first-century Christians and 'keep on speaking God's word with boldness'!—Acts 4:29.

Announcements

● Literature offer for December: *New World Translation* and book *Happiness—How to Find It* for $3.10. January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50. February: One 192-page book. Feature any you have in stock locally other than the *Happiness* or *Truth* books.

● Congregation accounts should be audited on December 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone he appoints.

● In preparing the agenda for the regularly scheduled elders' meeting during December, elders should discuss the book study arrangement: Are studies located in the most suitable homes? Are the groups too large or too small? Are the best qualified brothers being used as conductors? What can be done to build up attendance? Can service activities be better organized?—See *or* book, pages 100, 101.

● The Society now has a supply of Bible cassettes of *The Good News According to Matthew* and *The Good News According to Mark* in English with Braille labels for use by the blind. Each set is $3. We also have available *Kingdom Melodies-I* with Braille labels. Each tape is $2. These tapes may be obtained by writing to the Society's BRAILLE DESK. Your remittance should accompany the order. Cassettes should not be stocked.

● Bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1980. Publishers and pioneers! Please order your volumes through your congregation. Congregations should now begin collecting requests for these volumes. Then on January 1, 1981, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular *Literature Order* form. Order only the number of volumes for which you have requests. The volumes will be available in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish at $3.00 a copy. Order Dutch and German after February 15. There is no pioneer rate. Payment should not accompany the congregation order sent to the Society. (See *Cost List,* paragraph 21.)

● The Society is pleased to announce that the first phase in moving its offices to the newly renovated office building at 25 Columbia Heights in Brooklyn took place in October and November, 1980. Please note that the Society's new official business address will be *25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201.* All correspondence in connection with congregation matters such as literature orders, reports, Kingdom Halls and other service and business matters should be sent to this address. (Preprinted envelopes with the *117 Adams Street* address may be used until the supply is depleted.) The business telephone number at this address is *(212) 625-3600* (858-1240 has been discontinued) and will be in service weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 11:55 a.m., from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Please use this number for all congregation matters.

Mail intended for the Bethel residence will continue to go to 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Bethel residence telephone number will remain (212) 625-1240. Telephone calls will continue to be received at this number every day from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why the Bible Was Written.—1 Cor. 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:15.

1. Sounds a warning.
2. Makes wise for salvation.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the "Happiness" Book

¹ *Happiness—How to Find It*—what an interesting subject to discuss with people we meet in field service during the month of December! And what a marvelous book to offer along with the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*!

² By now most of you probably have read the new book we received at the "Divine Love" District Conventions last summer. It may be that you already have in mind a number of talking points in the book. Also, your own personal interest in this new book very likely has moved you to offer it to friends, relatives and especially to interested persons who were unable to attend the convention and get their own personal copies there.

³ The book is designed to appeal to persons of many different interests and backgrounds. This should be obvious from the very title of the book, *Happiness—How to Find It.* Who doesn't want to be happy? How many people are desperately in search of happiness today and yet find that it eludes them at every turn?

⁴ Just a brief examination of the contents of the book shows that there is something in it for everyone. It should appeal to those who have no particular religious background as well as those who profess a firm belief in God. By becoming familiar with the various chapters in the book, you should be able readily to select one with appeal for whatever type of person you meet.

⁵ Chapters one through four should prove to be most helpful in presenting the book to persons who are not religiously inclined. These chapters appeal to reason and avoid being dogmatic. Even persons who are generally apathetic about spiritual matters may be intrigued by the content of these first four chapters.

⁶ Chapters five through 10 show how practical the Bible can be in resolving problems of daily life, with such interest-arousing titles as "Money Problems—What Help?", "Sex—Which Advice Really Works?" and "Better Health and Longer Life—How?" Then chapters 11 through 20 deal with fundamental teachings of the Bible, but often from a fresh standpoint that most readers should find stimulating.

OFFERING THE BIBLE AND "HAPPINESS" BOOK

⁷ During December we will be offering the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* along with the *Happiness* book on the contribution of $3.10. If you wish to feature the Bible as you call on people in their homes, the current Topic for Conversation will lend itself well to making the presentation.

⁸ If you should wish to feature the *Happiness* book, after introducing yourself you may wish to say something like this: "Everyone alive really wants to be happy. But genuine happiness is so difficult to find. Why do you think that is so?" (Allow householder to comment.) Then proceed: "There have been quite a number of serious studies made in recent times researching the subject. Some of these studies and their conclusions are commented upon in this book and are presented along with parallel comments from the Bible showing how to find true happiness." Then you might choose to refer to an appropriate point in the book.

⁹ Or a direct presentation can be made by briefly stating: "You may have heard at some time or other the expression, 'Happiness is where you find it.' But I am sure you will agree with me that such reasoning doesn't really help too much when we all find so much unhappiness in the world today." (Allow householder to comment.) "The Bible promises happiness to those who make the effort to apply its righteous principles in their lives. You know, quite a number of modern researchers and professionals in the field of human relations are in full agreement with what the Bible counseled long ago. For example, . . ." (Cite point previously selected that you think may appeal to the householder, such as pages 58-61 or 65 and 66.)

¹⁰ Become familiar with the *Happiness* book. Use interesting talking points to help others find happiness in coming to know Jehovah.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	560	126.2	83.7	44.7	4.7
Pios.	17,897	85.8	54.4	30.0	3.2
Aux. Pios.	28,126	58.4	33.2	15.3	1.3
Pubs.	516,517	8.7	6.8	3.3	.4
TOTAL	563,100				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,948

Question Box

● Is it proper to study or associate with disfellowshiped persons?

When individuals get together to study the Bible they do so for the purpose of learning more about true worship and its blessings. Their coming together also involves a mutual interchange of encouragement for the purpose of inciting one another to "love and fine works." (Rom. 1:11, 12; Heb. 10:24, 25) This constitutes part of our effort to "work what is good toward all, but especially toward those related to us in the faith." (Gal. 6:10) An invitation to another to study God's Word is actually an invitation to "let us exalt his name together."—Ps. 34:3.

There are rules to govern the conduct of members of "God's household" that must be observed by all. (1 Tim. 3:15) The disfellowshiping of an individual actually constitutes his expulsion from the "brotherhood," and members of the congregation are directed to "quit mixing in company with anyone *called a brother*" who is a deliberate wrongdoer. (1 Cor. 5:11) Further, Paul asked: "For what fellowship do righteousness and lawlessness have? . . . what portion does a faithful person have with an unbeliever?" (2 Cor. 6:14, 15) So, in view of this counsel, it would not be appropriate to conduct a Bible study with a disfellowshiped person, nor to associate with him. (See *or* book, pp. 171-174.)

What steps can a disfellowshiped person take toward possible reinstatement? Such a person seeking help may attend meetings open to the public. If he gives evidence of a genuine desire to pursue a right course, the elders may feel it would be justifiable to talk to him privately, giving exhortation from God's Word in a corrective manner, which might move him to abandon his wrong course. This would not be conducted in the form of a Bible study; rather, it would be a matter of simply offering admonition directed toward his spiritual readjustment.—See August 1, 1974, *Watchtower,* pp. 468-470.

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rather than meeting jointly with one or more other congregations. Separate meetings provide better opportunity for new ones to meet the local brothers, including the elders and ministerial servants. In turn, they can be given better attention by the congregation. We know, of course, that there are some situations where inadequate facilities or other problems make it necessary to arrange things differently.

It is also good to arrange for a qualified elder to give the Memorial talk. Instead of the elders simply taking turns giving this talk from year to year, we feel the importance of the occasion dictates that one of the more capable speakers, anointed if available, be used and he should put extra effort into his preparation so that the discourse will be clearly understandable and motivating. We believe that this will contribute much toward achieving the maximum in spiritual benefits for all assembling for this special observance.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Choosing the Best Way of Life:*

December 7: Pages 161* to 169*
December 14: Pages 169* to 176
December 21: Pages 177 to 185
December 28: Pages 186 to 192

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* To or from subheading.